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# Elite primary schools to select CTC pupils



Naismith: "the school will be very popular"

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LOCAL authority prep school, scienting pupils at the age of eight, is to be set up in London to serve a city technology college.
Councillors in Conservative con-

trolled Wandsworth, southwest London, are also bidding for £600,000 of government money to make three of the borough's primary schools elite feeder schools for Battersea Technology College which opens in September.

The prep school, which has yet to be put to a council committee, would be located within the college. The feeder schools would hire language teachers, buy computers and receive additional money for extra-curricular activities.

Wandsworth has led the way in Conservative local government re-forms and the latest plans are certain to cause a new dispute over the extension of selection to the primary

Derek Fatchett, the Labour party's spokesman on schools, said that the proposals confirmed the party's fears for a divided education system. "We are turning the clock back with such damaging proposals. They un-dermine the education system and will reduce standards overall," he said. While other countries are looking for high standards for more and

more youngsters, we seem to be resigned to the view that we can only achieve high standards for a few children."

John Milton, Sir James Barrie and Chesterion primaries, will be considered for upgrading if the au-thority is among those to benefit from the environment department's £750 million City Challenge allocation in July. The schools would have longer school days and years, on the pattern established in the technol-

Another £800,000 out of a total bid of £3 million would go on nurseries and pre-school playgroups "with an educational culture" for children under three. Wandsworth already

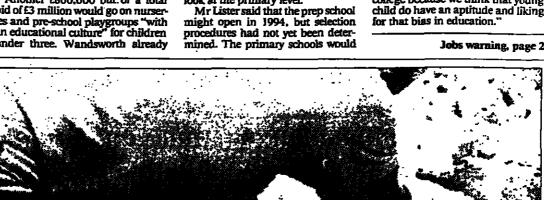
colleges in operation, and has put £2 million into the Battersea college as the first under local authority control, selecting those with an aptitude for technology at 11.

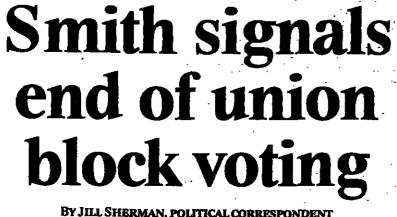
Edward Lister, who chairs the education committee, said: "The whole of Wandsworth's policy is geared around choice. We do not want the neighbourhood comprehensive system, and once you start breaking that up at secondary level, it is only a matter of time before you look at the primary level."

be upgraded next year because the authority was anxious to improve the prospects of children from an area of educational under-

achievement.
Donald Naismith, Wandsworth's chief education officer, said he thought that the prep school would be very popular. "We have got to get away from the rigid distinction between primary, secondary and further education.

"We are unapologetic for introducing the idea of a junior technical college because we think that young child do have an aptitude and liking for that bias in education."





By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE death knell was sounded last night for the trade union block vote in Labour leadership elections when John Smith, front-runner to replace Neil Kinnock, joined his main rival, Bryan Gould, in calling for a new electoral system.

At present the unions have 40 per cent of the voting strength with MPs and their constitutencies having 30 per

Mr Smith's criticism of the system reflects growing dis-satisfaction within the party at the extent of union influ-ence on the leadership election. Mr Smith, with guaranteed backing from several of the main unions, has already been victim of allegations of "a stitch up", and Ann Clwyd, a contender for the deputy leadership, has said that unions should not take part in the election until they have balloted their members. Mr Smith, taking a firmer

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#### **Princess** divorced

The Princess Royal was granted a "quickie" divorce in a four-minute hearing at Somerset House, Neither she nor Captain Mark Phillips, from whom she has been separated for two years, was present. The decree is expected to be made absolute in six weeks ..... Page 3

#### Heath award

Edward Heath has been made a Knight of the Garter, the most senior order of chivalry. The Queen has also appointed Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover and Viscount Ridley to the order. Page 3

#### Rates cut blow

Hopes for a cut in interest rates were dealt a blow by a surprise surge in German money supply ligures, which all but extinguished the chances of any cut in German rates before the ..... Page 15

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South Africa's dream of marking their return to Test cricket with victory over West Indies in Bridgetown was shattered by a batting collapse that ended in a 52-run defeat Page 34

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line than in his opening bid for the leadership, also appealed to unions to conduct membership ballots before

In a speech to the Scottish TUC general council dinner in Perth, he said the choice of leader should be a genuinely democratic decision and all party members should be given the opportunity to vote

individually.
"In a democratic party like ours, participation by individ-And that is why I invite all our affiliated organisations to conduct ballots of their members before they make their decisions," he said. "I do not believe that we will wish to maintain the present electoral college for the election of the leadership. My view is that a college comprised of the party and the elected M Ps would be the most legitimate and representative method of democratic choice."

The abolition of union precursor for diminishing union influence in the party. Bill Speirs, the Scottish TUC deputy general secre-tary, said: "My own view is that going down this road will masssively reduce the influence of the trade unions within the Labour party. Whether this is a good thing or bad is for others to judge. There could be a superficial attraction in such a development. he said, but trade unions were dramatically accountable organisations. I don't think we should be in any way ashamed of their influence in

the party they founded." Addressing the Dagenham Labour party last night, Mr Gould said that his decision to stand as leader had already benefited the party by mak-ing it clear that "this is the last time that a leadership election will take place on the current basis - of block votes substituting for the participa-tion of individual trade unionists and party members". If

he had not stood and contest ed the leadership the secession would be seen "to have settled arguments, not begun the debate, and that would have provoked a dangerous backlash inside the party".

In Perth, Mr Smith outlined his main beliefs and policies, emphasising the need for active participation in the European Community, a subject over which he and Mr Gould have differed. In preparing for the next general election. Labour had to accept that it would be fighting in very different circum-stances. "We must start on the task of preparing policies for the closing years of this century and the first decade of the next. We must continue to modernise and rebuild our party so it becomes the most effective fighting force for our policies we have ever had."

He supported a bill of rights creating "positive freedoms" of access to education, health care, housing and employment. He also backed Labour's commitment to a Scottish parliament and said the party would be pressing for a multi-choice referendum as soon as Parliament resumed.

On proportional representation. Mr Smith was as coy as Mr Kinnock had been. It was right for the party to examine electoral reform fully and he supported the idea of extending the membership of the Plant committee to other political parties and

Mr Gould's speech focused on the need for consensus politics and greater sensitivity to grassroots opinion. He suggested that the Labour election campaign had concentrated too heavily on showpiece media events and failed to get its message

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## Bosnia ceasefire signed

By Our Foreign Staff

LEADERS of Bosnia-Herzegovina's Muslim, Serb and Croat communities agreed yesterday to end seven weeks of civil war in which more than 200 people have died and restart talks on a permanent peace settlement.

But as they signed the ceasefire accord at Sarajevo airport, sniper fire broke out from the airport perimeter and Yugoslav army guards returned the fire with a tank-

mounted machinegun. President Izetbegovic of Bosnia said: "While I was signing it I wondered whether it would be respected. But I will do my best that all respect Continued on page 14, col 6

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# Alerts failed to save shattered city

DAZED residents of the devastated city of Guadalajara were demanding to know last night why volatile gas was allowed to gather in the sewers and explode nine times, killing at least 200 and injuring about 800 others.

As workers searched thousands of tons of debris for dead and survivors over a huge section of Mexico's second city, the government was being asked why it had failed to act quickly enough on reports of a petrol-like smell in the area before Wednesday's blasts. The cause of the explosions, which gouged deep trenches in the streets of La Reforma district, was still unclear yesterday, but some officials blamed a build-up of either an industrial cleaning solvent or petrol.

The smell of gas continued to be reported in some areas yesterday. Some streets were closed to traffic, the sale of petrol was restricted and some factories gave workers the day off. Nearly 12 hours after the blasts, people were being evacuated from one industrial area where officials said smoke and gas still escaped from sewers. Officials, saying they feared more explosions, had asked people to leave the area, but many had

Residents had complained to authorities as early as Sunday of a strong smell of ga rising from the sewers in the old quarter of Analco, one of the districts most heavily damaged along with Tlaquepaque and Olimpica.

of the city's sanitation and

the sewer network several

times, but took no special

security measures. Residents

were advised to leave their

windows open after being as-

sured there was no danger.

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Your guess is as good as ours. Because, when BBC's WORLD Magazine visited Orissa, India, we found the elephants were too inebriated to give us a clue.

And thereby hangs a tale. Because, while the Orissans were hard at work burying their home-made brew, the beasts were equally busy digging it up again. (A few drinks weren't the only thing that got knocked back that night!)

Where will you find yourself when you pick up the May issue of BBC's WORLD Magazine?

Though our anicle on Orissa appeared previously.

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# Probe finds key to universe

Astronomers believe they have found the secret of the universe with a space satellite's discovery of evidence suggesting how stars and gal-axies were formed after the big bang that is believed to have created the cosmos.

Huge ripples of matter have been detected near the edge of the universe by the Cosmic Background Explor-er, a satellite launched by Nasa in 1989. Announcing the results yesterday at a meeting of the American Physical Society in Washing-ton, George Smoot of the University of California at Berkeley said: "What we have found is evidence for the birth of the universe."

Diary, page 10 The discovery excited astro-

Evidence found by a satellite launched by Nasa may have unlocked the secret of the cosmos, reports Nigel Hawkes

physicists on both sides of the Atlantic. If the research was confirmed, it would be one of the most important discoveries in cosmology since the early 1960s, said Professor George Efstathiou of Oxford University. "It's a very important finding and it gives us a really good handle on what was going on at the birth of the universe," he said. Alan Heavens of Edinburgh University said: "It's tremendously exciting." Michael Turner, a University of Chicago physithis cannot be overstated. They have found the Holy Grail of cosmology . . . if it is indeed correct, this certainly would have to be considered for a Nobel Prize."

If confirmed, the American Ifindings answer a longstanding puzzle: why does the universe consist of concentrations of matter in the form of stars and galaxies separated by large empty spaces? The Astronomer Royal, Professor Arnold Wolfendale of Durham University, struck a cau-tionary note. "It's either the discovery of the decade or pure codswallop" he said. "We really do need confirma-

# Exhausted vicars get taste of heaven on earth



BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THREE months of the temptations of sun, sea and sand lies in wait for unmar-ried Church of England clergymen, who are being invited on an all-expensespaid sabbatical visit to the Seychelles.

The scheme will be launched in London later this year, after an invitation from the Anglican province of the Indian Ocean. The Rev Kevin Eastell. director of professional ministry in London, said he hoped that the vicars would not spend their whole time studying, but would enjoy the sun, sand and local attractions.

To the suggestion that some might come back married, he said: "It has been known. That is up to them. But I cannot arrange that for them."

The clergy will be be expected to teach at a theological college, but Mr Eastell GED hopes that they will not work too hard. "It is salvation by perspiration in the Church of England at the moment, and it won't do," he said last night as he left with his wife for a holiday in France. "A big problem with the ministry these days is a resurgence of the work ethic. Clergy feel they ought to be seen to be

doing things all the time." He said that one of the requirements for taking a sabbatical was that the clergy should have a rest. "It also gives those selected a chance to discover something of the Anglican Communion

The Indian Ocean province is one of 28 self-governing churches in the Angli-can Communion. Most of the 43 dioces-es in England have sabbatical schemes, although it is more usual for clergy to go on retreat, visit theological colleges or the Holy Land. When Mr Eastell arrived in London four years ago, the diocese allowed its clergy one sabbatical every fifty years.

"It was either sabbatical or death." he said. "Now they get one every twenty years. I have recently introduced a scheme which, from 1997, will shorten it to every seven years."

About 15 London clergy a year qualify

for sabbatical leave. The diocese has been asked to supply visiting clergy over six months, which would allow two a year to visit the Seychelles. The scheme could be extended to married couples in

The clergy will draw their stipends while they are away, and the £600 re-turn flight will be paid for by the dio-cese. The church in the Seychelles will feed and house them in a flat attached to the theological college.

Mr Eastell said: "We have no appli-

cants yet; we have only just started marketing it. But one or two bishops have shown an interest. And I keep getting dug in the ribs by archdeacons asking if they can go."

# **DO TIPSY ELEPHANTS SEE PINK** PEOPLE?

we have a dizzying array of surprises for you this month. Including a medieval Florentine football match, the Calcio Storico, where the game - a curious blend of soccer, rugby and wrestling - doesn't have any ser rules. The mountainous terrain of Nepal, where porters carry anything from rice bags to cement on their backs for a mere 43 a day. And a glimpse into the prehistoric past with the secrets revealed by the mummified man in an Alpine glacier. WORLD

MAY ISSUE ON SALE NOW



Churchmen

to hold more

peace talks

with Adams

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

TWO senior Protestant solved." The churchmen said

that their two-hour meeting

with Mr Adams and Tom

Hartley, the Sinn Fein chair-

man, had been a preliminary

one. The discussions had

been civilised and Mr Adams

and Mr Hartley had put for-

ward an analysis based on

deeply felt convictions.

The talks were set up fol-

lowing an IRA attack at Teebane in which Protestant

In a statement the clergy-

men said that a ceasefire

would not secure a just and

lasting peace, but would en-

able the Government and

politicians to give their undi-vided attention to the search

for an agreement on which

Gerry Adams described the

two-hour meeting as "frank and friendly" and praised "the courage" of the two

churchmen. He had, he said.

stressed that his party was not

He had told the churchmen

that Britain's refusal to accept

the validity of Sinn Fein's

tion of the conflict.

that peace might be built."

workmen were killed.

churchmen are to hold a sec-

ond meeting with Gerry Ad-

ams, the Sinn Fein president,

to try to bring a permanent ceasefire to Northern

The clergymen yesterday defended their talks with Mr

Adams, held three days after

he lost his seat in the general

election. Earlier this year, they met leaders of the Loyal-

ist paramilitary Ulster De-

fence Assocation to urge them

to stop fighting.

Jack Weir, a former Presby-

terian moderator who was

one of the two at the meeting

with Mr Adams, said that

they pleaded with him to help

stop the violence by urging

those involved in the IRA

campaign to end their activi-

ties. "Really this campaign

has not got anywhere in the last 20 years," Dr Weir said.

difficult situation for him (Mr

Adams), I know. All we can

provide is a peg for him to take the decision on."

A new government with a mandate for five years provid-

ed the opportunity for every-

one to re-assess the position. Dr Weir said he felt all sides

had become frozen in their

positions and it was time to look again at the prospects for

forward than we were 20

years ago and we may be in a

similar position in 25 years

Dr Weir, who was accom-

panied by Dr Gordon Brown.

another former moderator, at

the talks said he believed that

people in the province had

looked to the British govern-

ment for a solution for far too

long.
"Putting this problem onto

the Brits is just dodging the

issue. It is here in Northern

Ireland that it must be

"We are no further

The true patriot has to say 'If we are getting nowhere, we must call it off.' It is a very

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Teachers warn of 4,000 job losses

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION REPORTER plex methods used by the FOUR thousand teaching government to calculate perjobs are at risk from cuts in mitted levels of expenditure. central funding and the dele-In another debate, the congation of budgets to individ-ual schools, a teachers union ference was told that compulsory classroom tests were an leader claimed yesterday. educational travesty that Nigel de Gruchy, general wasted teaching time and ecretary of the National Asproduced meaningless resociation of Schoolmasters/ suits. Lesley Bowmar, from Union of Women Teachers. west Nottinghamshire, said said that the union's pre-electhat last year's tests for seven year olds had resembled a

tion estimate of 2,075 job losses had been conservative. Further posts to be lost would include 500 in Scotland, 400 in northern England and 600 in the South. "It's quite possible that there will be a number of protest strikes in local authorities where compulsory redundancies are threatened," he told the union's conference in

introduced in 1989, apportioned central funds to local authorities in an absurd and anomalous way. "Thousands of schools are losers because of the refusal of central government to fund education properly."

The conference called for

an urgent review of the com-

Scarborough.
In a debate on central funding, Dave Battye, of the union executive, said that the "iniquitous, divisive and incom-prehensible" Standard Spending Assessment (SSA).

share of the vote at the gener-

al election. "The wind is in our sails." Labour councils

often have to spend more, he

said, because they were grap-

pling with bigger problems than "the much lesser respon-

sibilities of Tory authorities in

the leasier suburbs of the

Mr Gould published a set

of tables estimating the levels of council tax likely to be paid

national basis, which was un-

local government spokesman,

accused the government of disregard for local services,

and that the education service

was being broken up with opt

out schools. Local authorities,

he said, were ceasing to be

cial services, with the excep-

tion of the Children Act,

councils were reduced to

being purchasers, not provid-

Earlier, Short, playing

black in game seven, had started defensively, and lost a

pawn on the 31st move. He

bhindered away his queen on move 39 and resignation

came on the 45th. The moves

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of the seventh game:

ers, of essential services.

David Blunkett, Labour's

fair to the South.

Shire districts".

## Man shot dead in cab office

circus. "Children are cast in

the role of dogs jumping

through hoops, not because

of their educational merit but because it's the law. We feel

like a cross between a high-

wire balancing act, juggler

and lion-tamer."

A man was shot dead inside a mini-cab office in north London last night. One man was arrested but detectives are looking for two others believed to have been involved in the shooting. An ambulance, rapid re-

sponse unit and air ambuance were sent to the scene in Stoke Newington, but the victim, who is thought to have been shot twice in the neck, was already dead. A witness said that he saw

three men, one with a hand gun, fire two shots at the rictim before they ran off. Police could not confirm that a hand gun was recovered near the scene of the crime. Scotland Yard said: "Shortly after the shooting a man was arrested. However we believe there are two other men who were involved in the shooting who still have to be accounted for. We have no detailed descriptions of the

Kidnap charge An unemployed butcher's assistant was yesterday re-manded in custody accused of kidnapping a girl aged 9. Keith Grenfell, 35, of Horsham, West Sussex, was charged with removing the girl from the lawful control of her parents and detaining her. Horsham magistrates remanded him in custody and banned publication of details which could lead to the

Girl rescued

girl's identity.

A girl aged two who followed a stray lamb away from her home in north Wales and caused a ten-hour search involving police, helicopters, mountain rescue teams and tracker dogs, was reunited with her parents yesterday. Kelly Ann Barnes was seen by a helicopter crew crouched among boulders in Penrhyn quarry in Gwynedd, almost a mile from her home.

#### Plot charge

Ethel Lamb, 60, of Northolt, west London, consented at Arbour Square magistrates court, east London, yesterday to be remanded in custody until May 14. accused of possessing explosive and of conspiring with James Canning to cause explosions. Mr Canning, of the same ad-dress, is also accused of causing an explosion in Soho, central London. He was re-manded in custody.

#### next year. Most people, he said, would face higher bills suspects at the moment but it than with the poll tax, espeis early days yet." cially in the South, becau administration costs would remain high, collection levels low and because the property bands were calculated on a

Clinic protest The planned opening next month of an advisory centre in Belfast which will offer contraceptives and pregnancy testing to teenagers is expected to be picketed by more than 200 members of the Rev Ian Paisley's Free Presbyterian Church. The 24-hour protest outside the Brook Advisory Clinic will warn people that it is a "dangerous place to enter".

# Top dressing: Philip Wright, master of the Feltmakers' Company, with a model wearing the hat with which Priscilla Clehr, of the London College of Fashion, won its design competition for a hat using felt Parties test turbulent waters of local opinion

electoral support was preventing meaningful dialogue and contributing to the continualaunched their campaign for local government elections on The meeting involving the May 7, capitalising on their two former moderators was successful general election theme that Tory administrations provide better value for

criticised by the two Unionist leaders preparing for the opening next Wednesday of money.
Labour countered by saythe latest round of talks involving the constitutional ing that there was no such parties aimed at reaching an thing as Majorism in local agreement on the future adgovernment and that the ap-pointment of Michael Howninistration of the province. James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionist party, ard as environment secretary and John Redwood as local government minister meant that a Thatcherite pro-

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described the churchmen as the rescue brigade wheeled out at a time when the IRA gramme of centralisation and was reeling. Ian Paisley, leadprivatisation would intensify. In the first big test of nater of the Democratic Unionist party, said they were com-pletely misguided in giving succour to the IRA when it ional opinion since the generai election up to 23 million people will have the chance of was deprived of the oxygen of voting for nearly 3,800 councillors. There is a clear ideoNext month's local elections could bolster the Tories' power base or see a backlash after the general election. Robin Oakley reports on the start yesterday of yet another round of campaigning

logical clash between Labour and the Tories over whether councils should be providers or merely enablers. But all parties fear apathy in the council contest after the near record turnout of 78 per cent in the general election. Less than 40 per cent of those eligible normally vote in local

The outcome of the elections is uncertain. Labour morale is low after the general election defeat but the party has some 1,900 councillors defending seats who can be

relied upon for maximum effort. When the same council seats were contested in 1988 Labour took 41 per cent of the vote nationally compared to its 35 per cent on April 9 this year. Labour tends to achieve a better share of the vote in local elections.

The Conservatives, who

In last year's local elections

outstripped their national gained around 500 seats. Disappointed by their general election showing, Paddy Ashdown's supporters will be hoping that some of the Con-

suffered badly in last year's local government elections, losing more than 600 seats, and who did not fare well four years ago, are hoping to build on the momentum of their general election victory and better economic news. But uncertainty remains about the Liberal Democrat effect.

the Liberal Democrats far

Mayor's

year starts

in a cell

By RICHARD DUCE

AFTER the pride comes the

fall. It should have been the

happiest day in the life of Bill

Woodhead as the local press

photographers gathered to

est 16 community charges. 20 positions on rent arrears and had 19 of the 20 worst records on vacant dwellings. Gould, the party's environservative waverers who flirted with a Liberal Democrat vote

#### ment spokesman, said that only Labour had increased its Leading article, page 11 Short regains lead with two games left

By Raymond Keene, chess correspondent NIGEL Short beat Anatoly more point to become the first Briton to reach a world championship final.

Karpov yesterday in the eighth game of their world championship chess semi-fi-nal in Linares, Spain, to take a one-point lead with two games left. Short, again starting with his favourite Ruy Lopez open-ing, played a confident, at-

return to the Tories in the

final stages of the campaign

will take a different view in

Launching the Tory cam-paign yesterday Chris Patten, the Conservative party chair-

man, said that the govern-

ment was creating a secure

framework for local govern-

ment "in which the structure

meets local needs and aspira-

tions, in which the financing

is more stable with local taxes

carrying a sustainable load, and with management of au-

thorities geared to their role

as effective enablers rather than over-large bureaucratic service providers."

Mr Patten said that only

Conservatives would press on

with "decentralising" reforms

in housing and education

and with delivering the bene-

Mr Redwood told a

London press conference that

Labour councils set the high-

At Labour's launch Bryan

fits of competitive tendering.

local government elections.

capture the moment when he was made mayor of Stocktontacking game that forced Karpov to resign on the 36th Doreen, his wife of 39

years, planted a tender kiss on his cheek as her husband remarked: "Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would achieve this position."
Hours later Mr Woodhead,

on-Tees.

62, was in a police cell. Mrs Woodhead, 58, had called the police and alleged that he had thumped her at their home. Yesterday when Mr Woodhead appeared on a charge of assault his wife appealed to Teesside magistrates to drop the case. A decision is expect-ed in two weeks' time. Mr Woodhead, the town's 19th

mayor, was allowed uncondi-tional bail.



Short: close to place in championship finals

1 d4 d5
2 c4 e6
3 Nc3 Nr6
4 Bg5 Be7
5 e3 0-0
6 Nr3 h5
7 Bh4 b6
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11 b4 e5
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13 Rb1 Ca5
14 Cd2 cd
16 Nad4 Bxd4
16 e6
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16 0-0 Nc5
19 Rd1 Cf6
20 Bf1 Rab8
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22 Rb3
23 ab Nd8

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26 Ru3 Qt5
28 Ru3 Ne6
27 Re5 Qg4
28 Bu2 Qg5
29 g3 Rhc8
30 Bh5 g6
31 Qxd5 g6
32 Bu2 Rc3
33 b4 Ru3
34 Qe4 Ruc3
35 Kg2 Kg7
36 d5 Ne5
37 Qd4 Rc2
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40 Qxd6 Ruc2
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44 Kg1 Ru24
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Game seven was carried in yes-

# St George fails to fire imagination

HAS the time come to ditch St George in favour of someone a little snappier, someone more suited to the

Once again. St George's Day arrived and went yesterday with most people in England not even knowing

It must be time to consider a more suitable subject for veneration than a 750year-old soldier saint. Given modern tastes, a media figure would be popular, per-haps Terry Wogan or Cilla Black, while St Elizabeth David would bring joy to cooking enthusiasts.

Why does St George fare so badly? Ireland's St Pat-rick is remembered all over the world. He is such an export success that people in New York, whether their fathers came from Bantry or Barbados, march down Fifth Avenue on St Patrick's Day wearing green suits and

sharmock in their lapels. St George arouses tamer passions, where he arouses them at all. Mostly he is celebrated by expatriate English, gathered together by a decent organising type at the British embassy who arranges a St George's Day

party to keep up spirits. When Buxton, the English mineral water company, asked around the country, it found that one-third of the English had never even heard of St George. When pressed for the name of England's patron saint they

suggested, among others, St Rupert and St Matthew. Many people in England seem to think this country's national emblem is an oak tree or a buildog. Someone

suggested it was a dolphin. Some feel the time has come for Britain to choose a national day more in time with national achievements, along the lines of America's Independence Day or Bas-tille Day in France. In Russia, they used to celebrate the Bolshevik revolution on November 7, though things have changed a little

recently.

In the 17th century, England celebrated November 17, Queen Elizabeth's accession day, and Guy Fawkes Day on November 5. These

no longer fire national spirin the way they once did. One modern-day equiva-lent for Independence Day or Bastille Day might be for the English to celebrate the 1688 revolution, which marked the transition from medieval to modern society. a revolution whose achievements Milton hailed as "the most heroic and exemplary since the creation of the

Three years ago,. Birmingham celebrated St George's Day a week early to avoid a clash with a visit to the city by Archbishop.
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# Parents of hanged teenager launch anti-bullying drive

THE parents of a teenager believed to have hanged herself because she could no longer bear the taunts of fellow pupils launched a national campaign yesterday with Esther Rantzen, presenter of That's Life, to combat bullying in schools.

Katharine Bamber, 16. was found dead at the end of last month. She had been the target of verbal abuse by pu-pils at her school in Kidderminster, near Birmingham, on and off for two years. More than a million schoolchildren are estimated to suffer repeated bullying from classmates each year.

Katharine's mother, Susan Bamber, was in tears as she recalled how, on the day before she was found dead, her daughter returned early from school saying that the bullying had resumed and that she did not know if she could endure it. "She told us that if we reported it to the school, as we had done previously, she would only suffer more.

Mrs Bamber found her daughter hanging in the ga-

**Princess Royal is** granted divorce

THE Princess Royal was yesterday granted a divorce from Captain Mark Phillips after a brief court hearing in London which neither attended. The petition to end the 18-year marriage was the first on a list of 30 before a senior district was the author of personal judge in court three at Somerset House.

A decree nisi, unopposed by Captain Phillips, was given, paving the way for the divorce decree to be made absolute, probably within six weeks. Living apart for two years or more, as they had, was considered proof that the marriage had broken down irretrievably.

As the petition was being granted, the princess arrived in Hampshire for a series of official engagements. She laughed and joked with children after opening a new lemur house at Marwell Zoo,

Major Peter Phillips, Captain Phillips's father, told reporters that he was under "strict orders" to say nothing about the divorce. Last week. Major Phillips had said that he hoped that the pair could stay well-disposed towards each other. "I am very, very sorry it all turned out like this," he had said. "I'm still on good terms with the princess, but I am not sure if she

and Mark are still friendly." The four-minus came 11 days after Buckingthe princess was starting divorce proceedings, saying that the couple had "agreed, after more than two years of separation, that their marriage

ed in 1989. At the time, the Palace made clear that the decision had been taken before newspapers revealed four months earlier that Commander Timothy Laurence, a former equerry to the Queen.

letters to the princess that were later stolen. Palace sources have consistently said that no third party played any part in the decision to divorce. The disclosure last year that Captain Mark Phillips faced a paternity suit from Heather Tonkin, a New Zealand teacher, was said to have no bearing on the decision. Captain Phillips has said that he will contest Ms Tonkin's claim.

The princess and Captain Phillips remain friends and are giving the happiness of their children, Peter, 14, and Zara, 10, the highest priority, the Palace says. The children, who attend boarding schools, will live with their mother at Gatcombe Park during holidays. Captain Phillips has unlimited access to his son and daughter. He will live two miles from his former wife at Aston Farm, on the 730-acre Gatcombe estate, a present to the couple from the Queen.

Divorce proved the great leveller for the Princess Royal, who had to answer questions on a standard affidavit form like Mr and Mrs Average. In the form, signed at

21, and witnessed by a solicitor, James Bacon, the princess said that by the date of

rage of their home in Kidderminster. "I could not bear another child suffering like our daughter did," she said.

One in seven children, 1.3 million pupils, are thought to be victims of continual bullying, physical and psychologi-cal, according to research by Childline, the charity helpline set up by Miss Rantzen. More than 2,000 calls were received in three months from children suffering bullying at school. No official statistics are available.

We know from the children who ring Childline how desperately unhappy bullying can make young people and how impotent their families sometimes feel. Miss Rantzen said. "It is terribly important that this problem is not covered up.

"For too long bullying has been regarded as a natural part of growing up. Often the temptation for adults seems to be to blame the victim. And often the child bottles it up, as Katharine did. We want ever child to be able to say if this is happening to them."
That's Life is to launch the

campaign officially in its programme tomorrow, showing interviews with the Bambers and the parents of another child who had hospital treat-ment for injuries from bullying. The Bambers have set up a trust fund in memory of their daughter to promote awareness in schools and government agencies of the suffering bullying can cause, and to give head teachers information on how to combat it. The children's programme, *Blue Peter*, will join the campaign.

David Bamber, governor of

a young offenders' institution in Redditch, near Birmingham, urged the government to help schools tack-le the problem. "If 3,000 secondary teachers are the victims of classroom disruption every week, how many children are becoming the victims of these same people?," he said. Information packs, includ-

ing Childline's research and an advice document for govemors, teachers and parents are to be sent to the UK's 34,000 state and private schools next week, funded by British Telecom and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. The Scottish education department has issued booklets on bullying to Scot-



Knight Companion: Sir Edward yesterday. He joins Lord Wilson of Rievaulx and Lord Callaghan of Cardiff in the order

# Queen appoints Heath to Order of Garter

BY RAY CLANCY

EDWARD Heath, the former prime minister who took Britain into the Common Market, has been appointed a Knight Companion of the Order of the Garter, the most senior order of chivalry. Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

Sir Edward said last night that he deeply appreciated the honour. It comes shortly before, as the longest serving MP, he takes up a new role as the Father of the House of Commons, where he has sat since 1950. Colleagues are expecting him to indulge the more jovial side of his nature now that Margaret That-cher, his old adversary, has left the Commons.

On returning from holiday Sir Edward, 75, said: "I am immensely honoured by Her Majesty the Queen's decision to confer a knighthood of the Order of the Garter upon me. I deeply appreciate that Her Majesty should have chosen personally to honour me in this way.



Long service: success at Bexley in the 1951 poll

The honour, a personal gift of the sovereign, also goes to Lord Sainsbury of Preston Candover and Viscount Ridley, who is Lord Lieutenant of Northumberland, Chancellor of the University of Newcastle and Lord

Steward of the royal house-

The three appointments fill vacancies in the order left by the deaths of the Earl of Cromer, Viscount De L'Isle, VC, and Lord Ashburton. The order is limited to 24 Knights Companions.

As a former prime minis-ter, Sir Edward could have had a peerage at any time he chose, but it is believed that he was unwilling to take such an award from Mrs Thatcher and wished to outlast her in the Commons. He has thus remained comparatively unrewarded for his services to the country.

His single biggest achievement was taking Britain into the European Community, but his four-year premier-ship was marred by industrial disputes and the three-day

His relationship with Mrs Thatcher, after she chal-lenged him for the Tory leadership, has always been fraught, described by her supporters as "the longest

sulk in history", but it now

appears in a new light as she

is making plain her criticisms of John Major. Sir Edward, a bachelor, has maintained a high pro-

file internationally, serving on the Bruntland Commission and winning freedom in 1991 for Gulf war hostages. He has also given time to his hobbies of sailing and music, subjects on which he wrote The vigour of his attacks on Mrs Thatcher's policies

increased steadily through her premiership. In 1981, in the face of soaring interest rates in the United States, he urged that Britain make a Uturn and join the European monetary system, something that Mrs Thatcher steadfastly refused to consider.

From then on, he under-took a series of outspoken attacks on Mrs Thatcher of which the most vitriolic was the onslaught on her policies during the Tory party conference at Blackpool in October 1981. Their relations have been barely civil and, on occasion, he would refer to her as "that woman". They clashed again at last year's Conservative party conference when he accused her of breaking an agreement that they would appear on the platform at different

Friends believe that Sir Edward, who has become a famed and generous host at his Queen Anne house in Salisbury Cathedral Close, mav now enter a more mellow phase in the Commons, indulging more frequently the humour which has been more evident in his speeches of recent years, as when he urged the Tory party conference: "Don't applaud me. It takes up precious time and, anyway, it may annoy your

Five former prime minis-ters — Churchill, Eden, Att-lee, Wilson and Callaghan have been appointed Knights Companions of the order. The Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Kent are Royal Knights. A number of foreign monarchs, including King Juan Carlos of Spain.

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**Ex-MP** jailed for swindle

JOHN Ryman, the five times married former Labour MP, was jailed yesterday for two and a half years for tricking two women out of £115,000 to meet maintenance payto these two women." ments to his first wife. The former MP for Blyth

director of a Swiss bank and had promised a return of 22.5 per cent on money entrusted to him by Vera Chalker, 63, a widow, and Gladys Reynolds, 50. a divorcee, Bristol Crown Court was told. Ryman, 63, also persuaded them to invest in his Somerset-based securities firm but there was no record that the company ever traded. Some of the money was paid to his first wife. Dr Shirley Summerskill, the daughter of Baroness Summerskill, the court

was told. She did not know

how the money had been

Valley had claimed to be a

obtained. Judge Bursell told Ryman: "I accept that you are of previous good character . . . but I have to bear in mind the devastation you have brought

Peter Thomas, for the prosecution, said that Ryman met Mrs Chalker, who worked on The Economist magazine, in January 1988 on a train, "By their third meeting he told her he was a director for a Swiss bank. He said that if she invested her funds through him she would get 22.5 per cent interest a year. She was charmed by him and started to liquidate her assets. She said she took cash out of her building society and gave

it to Mr Ryman." Between August 1988 and July 1989 he took two cheques from Mrs Chalker for £31,476 and £22,984 and

out a £50,000 mortgage on her home in Bath to meet the debts of his firm, South Western Securities in Frome.

Mr Thomas said that Ryman also took cheques from Mrs Reynolds for £15,000 and £5,000 after introducing himself as a Phillip Spencer, the director of a Swiss bank. "The couple began seeing each other and became affectionate and planned to buy a house together."

Ryman, a barrister who defended himself, admitted four specimen charges. Two relat-ed to dishonestly obtaining cheques from Mrs Chalker and two of theft of cheques from Mrs Reynolds.

The last of his five wives. Nicola, 53. of South Petherton, near Yeovil, who divorced him, said last night: "I am glad he is behind bars. later persuaded her to take He is a danger to women."

# sank after collision

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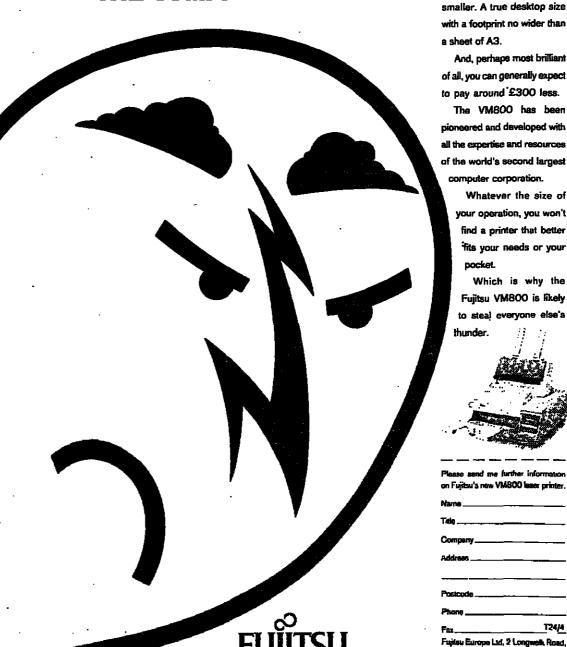
THE mystery sinking of a trawler with the loss of five lives was caused by a "hitand-run" accident in the English Channel, government investigators confirmed yesterday, eight months after denying that there was any evidence of a collision. Divers had confirmed that a collision occurred.

The findings of a marine accident enquiry team from the transport department was welcomed by relatives of the crew, who had always insisted that the sinking of the Ocean Hound in calm weather last August must have been caused by a collision.

The report disclosed that the 72-ft trawler, registered in Brixham, Devon, was hit at night in the Dover Straits and cansized. "The unknown vessel did not stop," the enquiry said. "It is possible that she was unaware of the collision. However the Ocean Hound's presence ought to have been recognised well before the event if a proper look out was

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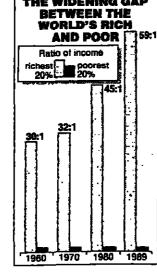
# Britain makes the good life top ten

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN has entered the top ten of desirable countries in which to live, according to the United Nations table that attempts to measure quality of life in its 160 member states.

The UN Development Programme says that the UK has moved from eleventh to tenth in its 1992 Human Development Index, a ranking system that combines income, literacy and life expectancy. The index throws up some interesting results, putting Barbados ahead of Italy, and making the United States only sixth, in spite of its unsurpassed spending power per individual

Canada has narrowly displaced Japan at the top of the rankings. Norway, Switzerland and Sweden complete the top five places.



Self-congramiation may be tempered by the report's disclosures that the gap between the world's richest and poorest people has doubled in the past thirty years, and that Britain provides the lowest per capita overseas aid of all the European donors.

The richest twenty per cent of countries in the world are nearly 60 times richer than than the poorest, compared with 30 times in 1960. Taking into account income disparity within countries, the world's richest billion people are 150 times wealthier than the poorest billion. The index highlights the continuing tragedy of Africa: 37 of the bottom 50 countries are African, with Guinea propping up the table.

The index, begun in 1990, is an attempt to take a broader measure of human happiness than gross domestic product. The improvement in Britain's position over last year is a reflection of statistical rather than social

The current report made

use of numerous sets of fig-

ures which only became available at the end of the 1980s. It also announces that in future, political freedom may be added as another index factor alongside income levels, educational attainment and longevity, although it admits that the concept is hard to measure mathematically. Nineteen of the top twenty

countries are industrialised nations. Barbados, a developing country, is twentieth. Italians have nearly double the spending power of Barbadians, and live longer, but have a lower adult literacy rate and spend less time in education. Life expectancy is 75.7

years in Britain, 75.9 years in America, and 78.6 in Japan. Britain has the second greatest number of nurses per occupied hospital bed in Europe after Switzerland.

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# A million first-time buyers caught in mortgage debt trap

By RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

MORE than a million first- ber of people who want to ment. Dr Wriglesworth used time buyers could have mortgages higher than the value of their homes, according to research from the brokers UBS Phillips and Drew.

The figure is far higher than that reported earlier this week by the Council of Mortgage Lenders, which estimated that 380,000 of all homeowners had debts larger than their assets.

With roughly ten million mortgage holders, that means that more than one in ten people with mortgages are trapped by debt. "They are unable to sell their home till prices go up. They can't sell and are stuck," Dr John Wriglesworth, of UBS Phillips and Drew said.

This was "deeply unfortunate" for those involved but would not necessarily slow a recovery in the housing market which was determined by new first-time buyers. "The problem is not the number of houses for sale but the num-

buy."
Dr Wriglesworth's research analyses house price falls and the number of first-time buyers, the homeowners most likely to be in trouble because at least 50 per cent of them took out mortgages of more than 95 per cent of the value of their home. He examines figures from mid-1988 to March 1992, while the Council of Mortgage Leneders' analysis looks at house price falls only to the autumn of

"The CML has stopped too" early." Dr Wriglesworth said. "House prices over the past six months have been worse . than in any six-month period. This partly explains why the council's figures underestimated the seriousness of the problem," he added.

The council's figures also underestimated the number of homeowners in trouble because they used statistics from the environment departstatistics from the Halifax which uses 15 per cent of all prices rather than the environment department's 5 per

"A million first-time buyers in trouble is a conservative estimate," Dr Wriglesworth said. "My research only looks at first-time buyers in four southern regions where the price falls have been the most dramatic."

A spokesman for the council said that its research looked only at house price falls up to last autumn. The council had updated its fig-ures to include house price falls to March this year, and admitted that the number of first-time buyers in debt had

grown sharply.

"But I think the million figure is too high. We estimate another 200,000 firsttime buyers would be facing negative equity, which would make 580,000 homeowners

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# Don in Civil War dispute may quit

By ANDREW PIERCE

THE Cambridge don at the that Peterhouse dons have centre of a dispute over seventeenth century history, involving academics on both sides of the Atlantic might leave the university to take up another post. Dr John Adamson. a fellow of Peterhouse, Cambridge, has been offered an editor's job with the History of Parliament Trust. He would be editing autobiographies of British MPs of the period 1640-60.

Dr Adamson is considering whether to take the post. which could mean relinquishing his fellowship before it is due to end in October, next year. Many colleagues hope he will go, to spare the university further embarrassment over the dispute, which is about the reading of key doc-uments from the English

Earlier this year Dr Adamson clashed with Mark Kishlansky, professor of history at Harvard University. about the role of the nobility in the Civil War. Professor Kishlansky, writing in the Historical Journal, accused Dr Adamson, of manipulat-ing evidence and using footnotes to disguise the errors. Interventions have come from historians including Lord Dacre of Glanton and Lord Russell, who support Dr Adamson. Lord Russell acted as a consultant to the trust over the editorship.

In February, Dr Adamson failed to win re-election as a fellow of Peterhouse. But such is the disquiet about the in-creasingly public dispute,

voted to review their re-election procedures. The dispute has been aired several times in the letters pages of The Times Literary Supplement and historical journals.

Dr Adamson will decide next week whether to take the post with the trust, a government sponsored body set up in the 1950s by Sir Lewis Namier. Dr Adamson said: "I have not made any decisions at this stage. I will decide by early next week. If I take the post it will not necessarily preclude me from remaining at the university. I am taking advice from my colleagues and friends."

Lord Russell, who is expected to become a trustee of the trust, in Bloomsbury, is believed to be in favour of Dr Adamson taking up the post. Lord Russell, who accused Professor Kishlansky in The Times Literary Supplement of "malice", said that Dr Adamson was one of the most innovative historians of his generation. Lord Russell, in his book The Causes of the English Civil War, describes Dr Adamson as the Prince of Serendip, and refers to him in the footnotes on ten of the 219 pages.

Dr Adamson's disputed views on the nobility would not count for as much as he would like in the new post. The trust does not include biographies on members of the House of Lords. Dons hope that the dispute will die down if Dr Adamson takes

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#### ITV chiefs approve new deal By MELINDA WITTSTOCK

INDEPENDENT Television companies reached agreement yesterday on a competitive system for the commissioning and scheduling of networked programmes for

the next ten years.

After months of delay, the new ITV licences will today submit to the Independent Television Commission detailed proposals for a central commissioning unit, which will end the ITV programme supply cartel next year by pendent producers to compete with the broadcasters for a slice of the £500 million annual programme budget.

The system, which represents the biggest structural change in ITV's 35-year his-tory, will not be disclosed by the commission until next week. The commission had planned to publish details early this month but was forced to call off a press conference after legal wrangling among ITV companies over the size of their contribution to the network's £500 million

budget. Greg Dyke, chief executive of LWT and chairman of the ITV Association's Council, said: "We believe ITV is now set to capitalise on its current ratings success. We have no doubt that the system we have devised will both maintain and enhance ITV as the most

popular channel." The commission had told the companies that if they did not submit a proposal by today they would run the risk of . having it imposed.

## Three in court after bank raid

Three men appeared in court yesterday charged in connec-tion with a raid on a bank cash dispenser. Christopher Hayter, 29, a crane driver, Earnonn Byrne, 32, unemployed, and Daniel Bassett, 26, unemployed, all

of south London, appeared before Havering magistrates. east London, charged with trespassing at the Abbey Nat-ional bank in Romford with intent to steal.

They were remanded in police custody until tomorrow. There was no application for bail.

#### **Doctor fined**

James Dogherry, 63, a GP, of Islington, north London, escaped a ban for driving while over the legal alcohol limit after telling Thames magistrates that he had not realised that he had been drinking Madeira while visiting a suicidal patient. He was fined

## Pool rescue

Three men were taken to hospital after being overcome by fumes from a chlorine spillage at a swimming pool in Harlow, Essex. They were rescued by firemen.

#### Rodin thefts

Three Rodin statues, worth more than £100,000, have been stolen from an art gallery in Walthamstow, east London.

#### Final score

Work is to be rescheduled at the Nissan car plant in Sunderland on May 9 so workers can watch the city's soccer team in the FA Cup final.

# Farmers open the door to townies

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent FARMERS set aside decades ers, those with second homes

of distrust of "townie" intruders yesterday by agreeing to accept many of them into their fold. The National Farmers'

Union aims to double its support by offering a new class of membership to anyone who owns or rents land that is "more than a garden but less than a commercial farm". David Hellard, who drew up the scheme, said that market research suggested that there were about 100,000 people who would qualify, roughly equal to the union's existing but shrinking membership.

There is no hard and fast rule about how much land needs to be owned or occupied," he said. "It could range from one or two acres to as many as 50. The main criterion is that the users must be non-commercial farmers who do not depend on the land for a living."

The countryside membership scheme, which will start on May I, will open the union's doors to new members including hobby farm-

in the country and a paddock for their children's horses and others such as amateur beekeepers. Farmers have in the past seen these interiopers as fairweather countrymen who appear only at weekends and spend much of their time complaining about the smells and noise that are an unavoidable part of commercial agriculture.

The reaction to the initiative from our members has been mixed," Mr Hellard said. "But these new residents are a growing part of the rural scene and have a legitimate interest in the countryside. We feel we should embrace them rather than try and keep them at

arm's length." Countryside members will pay £27.50 a year, compared with the £69 plus a levy of 70.5 pence an acre paid by full members. They will get a regular newsletter and have access to insurance at competitive rates. They will not have voting rights or be able to use the NFU's professional and legal advice.

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# Violence on TV 'makes women feel less safe'

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

VIOLENCE against women on television, particularly dramatised rape scenes and crime reporting, make most women viewers feel more vulnerable to attack, according to a study commissioned by the Broadcasting Standards

Three-quarters of all women, whether victims of violence or not, said reconstructions of violent crimes against women on factual programmes such as Crimewatch UK increased women's fear of being attacked. However, many said that the portrayal of violence simply reinforced existing fears about rape.

Eighty-seven per cent of those who had suffered violence and 90 per cent of those who had not thought that crime reporting would make women more safety-concious. Many women said that as long as broadcasters did not trivialise or sensationalise crimes against women, or blame women for men's violence, such violent scenes could deter men from violence. Publication of the

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By Peter Victor

SELF-SERVICE petrol stations, car parks and London's public transport have been condemned for their lack of provision for disabled people. A report for the Automobile Association says that radical improvements are needed to help the disabled to get about

The report, Mobility for All, based on responses from 1,130 people with disabilities, found that 52 per cent had problems at self-service petrol forecourts, and nearly half could not reach tickets at pay-and-display car parks. Able-bodied motorists freserved for the disabled.

dents used British Rail, and a similar number used buses. Travellers with disabilities

account for more than one in ten of the adult population." Kenneth Faircloth, AA deputy director-general, said. "Yet they cannot begin to enjoy the freedom of movement experienced by the able-bodied un-less radical improvements take place - improvements that would, in the long run,

benefit all travellers." Comments from disabled people included: "Parking is terrible. In the disabled persons' parking area, nine out of ten cars do not belong to disabled people." Another said: "People take one look at you, and if you haven't got your head under your arm. then you are not disabled."

Last month, the govern-ment tightened up the Orange Badge parking scheme for the disabled to try to reduce abuse. The AA found that 85 per cent of respondents felt that the system had study. Women Viewing Violence, coincides with a dramatic increase in the number of crime and accident reconstructions on television. They include Crimestoppers, Crime Monthly and Murder Squad on ITV, and the forthcoming BBC series 999 and Crime Limited with the Crimewatch UK team Nick Ross and Sue Cook.

Half of the people ques-tioned said they did not know whether crime reporting would encourage men to commit violence against women. But of those who offered an opinion, nearly three-quarters of victims of domestic or sexual violence believed that crime reporting would encourage male vio-lence, and almost the same proportion of women who had not suffered violence said it would not. Profesor Rebecca Dobash,

a sociologist from the Univer-sity of Wales and one of the authors, said all the women interviewed were more fearful of being attacked by a stranger, even though statistically women were more likely to be raped by a man they knew or to suffer domestic violence. But she said the women'

responses showed that their sense of vulnerability had not been caused by the media. which had instead reinforced fears pre-dating the invention

of television.

Although there were significant differences between women's attitudes to crime depending on their social background, race and personal experience of violence, all were united in their concern about how violence against women on television could affect child viewers.

The study, the first to assess how victims of crime respond to the its depiction on television, asked women for their reactions to a Crimewatch UK report on the abduction and murder of a female hitchhiker; an episode of East-Enders focusing on a violent relationship between two character; Closing Ranks, an ITV play about marital violence; and The Accused, a Hollywood film dealing with

gang rape.

Many women expressed worry about the impact on male viewers of The Accused form on BBC1 earlier this year. Although the film carried a positive message for women, it was feared that men might have "got a kick" from the rape scene.

The £38,000 study, conducted by four leading sociologists and media experts at the Universities of Stirling and Wales, involved discussion groups with 91 women and questionnaires completed by 546 women.

Lord Rees-Mogg, chair-man of the Broadcasting Standards Council, said the findings would play a part when the council revised its code of practice. He said that a "high proportion" of com-plaints upheld by the BSC involved depictions of vio-

Women Viewing Violence. The British Film Institute, 21 Stephen Street, London W1P 1PL



This way up: Amy Dyke-Coombes, eight, watches Aisleyne Morgan-Wallace, 13, practising on the trapeze at the North Westminster Community School, London, where French artists, invited by the British organisation Circus UK, are holding workshops to teach circus acts to adults and children

## Many sex abusers are children

By ALISON ROBERTS

THE number of children who sexually abuse other children is much higher than previously thought, according to a report published yes-terday by the National Children's Home.

The findings of a committee of enquiry set up in October 1990 show that one in three cases of sexual abuse involve abusers under the age of 18 and that children as young as three have been known to display "sexually inappropriate behaviour". Up to £50 million a year was needed to provide facilities to deal with the problem.

Tom White, chairman of the committee and chief executive of National Children's Home, said that cases of sexual abuse by children on other children had tended to be ignored or put down to childhood experimentation. But in studying cases it had been fairly easy to differentiate between appropriate and abu-sive behaviour. The committee found that if offenders went untreated they were likeare asked or ask others to ly to continue to sexually repeat what they have seen. abuse into adulthood. This is a worrying area which must be looked at in detail."

A cycle of abuse could es-tablish itself and child abusers were often reacting to their own sexual abuse or victimisation. In one case a child who had been abused from the age of nine months had never known life without some sort of sexual experience.

The report warned parents

of the dangers of letting children see pornographic material as there was a possible link between pornography and the development of abusive behaviour. Valerie Howarth, director of Childline, the service for children in trouble, said: "Some children are exposed to pornography and

The committee's recommendations included establishing a "continuum of care". Services ranging from child guidance clinics to secure accommodation should offer treatment programmes. When proof of an offence is established the child's school

should be informed. Abusers should never be placed with foster parents who have your-ger children.

Jennifer Temkin, professor of law at the University of Buckingham and a committee member, said that training was urgently needed for magistrates and judges in dealing child abusers. Treat-ment is the key if the criminal justice system is to be used: it must be part and parcel of the package of both custodial and non-custodial cases," she

Tim Yeo, the junior health minister, said that the report was being studied by the health department but that it was too early to say whether

#### Two held **Tourists** after flock to Northern Ireland

By Harvey Elliott TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

AS RESORTS from the Mediterranean to Margate struggle to win back tourists, Northern Ireland has seen the number of visitors to its shores double in the past three years.

Last year 76,000 holidaymakers from the British mainland visited, up 38 per cent on 1990, and indications are that this year will set new records.

Rainbow Holidays has

trebled the number of hotels in its new Northern Ireland brochure to cope with the expected demand. "We only had four hotels in the brochure when we began sending people to the province last year," Margaret Simpson, its di-rector, said. "It proved so popular that we have increased that number to 12. Those who have discovered Ulster want to go back and the message seems to be getting through that any terrorist trouble is confined to just a few areas."

With hotels offering din-ner, bed and breakfast from £26 a night and even the most expensive four star hotel costing little more than £50 a night, short breaks are proving particularly attractive.

One in five visitors to Northern Ireland now goes purely for a holiday compared to one in nine less than ten years ago. Of the 263,000 holidaying in the province in 1991 more than 40 per cent come from than 40 per cent came from the Irish republic while the number from mainland Britain rose 38 per cent to 76,000.

Even tourists from north America, who stayed away from traditional European destinations in droves in the aftermath of the Gulf war, increased by 9 per cent to 20,400 last year and travel agents are now in-cluding a visit to the province as part of their grand European tours. Visitors beloed to produce revenue of £162 million last year.

# murders in hostel

Two men were being ques tioned by police yesterday after a double murder in a hostel for homeless people.

Andrew White, 29, was found bludgeoned to death in the lounge of the house, in Holbeck, Leeds, Lesley Baines, 38, had been strangled and was lying in an upstairs bedroom.

They were thought to be the only occupants of the house. Police broke in after a friend said that he was worried because he had not seen the men since last week.

#### Charges added

Robert "Peanut" Jones, who is accused of killing the British tourist Julie Stott during a robbery in New Orleans, has been charged in connection with five other robberies, dat-ing from October 1990. The charges include robbery, kid-

#### Victims named

Two more victims of a house fire in Hove, East Sussex, on Saturday night have been named. They are Paul Jones, 33, and Adrian Johns, 32, both of Brighton. Five people died in the fire.

#### Five held

Armed police arrested five people yesterday after a holdup in East Grinstead, West Sussex. on Tuesday night. Two sawn-off shotguns and ammunition were found.

#### Bakers fined

The Don Miller Hot Bread Kitchen company, a nation-wide bakery chain based in Luton, Bedfordshire, was fined a total of £11,750 by Norwich magistrates for 18 hygiene offences at its shop in

#### Pet passion

Phil Sayers and Val Scott, of Binfield. Berkshire, have been ordered to obtain planning permission for 1,462 birds and animals which they keep at their home. Bracknell council says that the menagerie is too large to be considered a per collection.

#### Coroner appeals for help over death A CORONER yesterday ap-

pealed to the public to help police to catch the kidnapper of Jo Ramsden, who suffered from Down's syndrome, before he struck again. Her body was found in woodland on the Devon-Dorset border six weeks ago, nearly a year after she disappeared from her home in Bridport, 11

inquest to a date to be fixed.

after being told that Miss

from dental records and

clothing. Her body was found

near Lyme Regis. Mr Johnston said it was "very likely"

Michael Johnston, the West Dorset coroner who opening the inquest on Miss Ramsden in Dorchester, said: "Somebody somewhere knows very much more about how Jo came to disappear than they are at the moment saying." He gave warning: The man who is prepared to take away someone of Jo's

nature is not going to stop. He is going to do it again." Mr.Johnston adjourned the Ramsden, 21, was identified in a wood at Hole Bottom

that people close to the person involved in Miss Ramsden's disappearance were aware, or knew the identity of the man with fairish hair, a jazzy sweater and a black car. On the day Miss Ramsden

vanished she was seen talking to a man of that description. and was last seen in a black car. The man, known as Mr Zigzag because of the pattern on his jumper, is still being hunted by Dorset police in a nationwide enquiry. Mr Johnston said it was possible that the man who drove her away had nothing to do with her death, but it was important he should be excluded from enquiries.

After the hearing, Det Supt
Des Donohoe, the head of

Dorset CID, supported the coroner's appeal for public help in catching the "despicable" person who took Miss Ramsden. Attempts were being made to establish the cause of her death, he said. Police interviewed 4,500 people during their search for Miss Ramsden.

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# Channel motorists hit a dead end

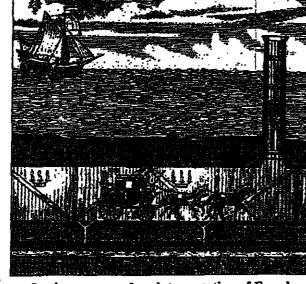
By Michael Dynes

MOTORISTS will never be able to drive under the Channel, in spite of proposals to construct a second drivethrough Channel tunnel by 2020. Eurotunnel officials have said.

Safety and technical diffi-culties, including the danger of motorists becoming hyp-notised while driving through 31 miles of tunnel, and the impossibility of extracting exhaust emissions, mean that the second tunnel will also be for trains.

Eurotunnel's admission will come as a disappointment to millions of motorists whose dream of driving direct to the Continent is no more likely to materialise than the nineteenth century engraving of the Channel tunnel envisaging horse drawn carriages driven under the seabed, their way illuminated by naked gas lamps, and their oxygen sup-plied by ventilation shafts emerging from the sea.

Under the terms of the 55year concession agreement between Eurotunnel and the British and French governments. Eurotunnel must present a proposal for a



Sea horses: a modern interpretation of French proposals for a drive-through tunnel in 1802

drive-through tunnel by 2000, assuming that such a scheme can be shown to be feasible. If Eurotunnel fails to present a car tunnel plan by 2010, the government can invite tenders from other companies, although it would not be permitted to allow the second tunnel to come into use before 2020.

Eurotunnel officials are

the impossibility of building a drive-through tunnel. Margaret Thatcher and President Mitterrand saw such a tunnel as a monument to the age of freedom symbolised by the private car. In the 1990s, however, it is no longer fashionable to accept the inalienable right of motorists to go where they please. Motorists

than that felt during motorway driving. John Noulton. Eurotunnel's public affairs director, said: "It is not a question of when you would have multiple pile-ups but how often.

The technical difficulties in extracting carbon monoxide emissions would make the project prohibitively expensive. "The ventilation problem would be solved if cars emitted pure oxygen," Mr Noulton said. "But if you had to change the air you would probably need shafts up through the seabed, and huge fans to drive the bad air out of the tunnel. It would be like driving through a gale down there.

Eurotunnel's rail tunnel scheme was chosen because it was the safest for passens, presented fewer technical challenges, was less susceptible to sabotage, entailed no obstacles to shipping, and was most likely to attract private sector finance. As far as Eurotunnel is concerned, nothing has

# Warsaw acts to quell private-sector strike

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

ONE of the first strikes at a private company in eastern Europe is turning nasty. Antiterrorist units yesterday moved on to the factory grounds of Elgaz in Gdynia on the Polish Baltic coast to search for hidden explosives.

More than 200 strikers have been told that they are breaking the law, that they have been sacked and that they may soon be evicted by riot police. This strange turnabout - Gdynia, along with Gdansk, was the cradle of the Solidarity movement in 1980 - reveals much about the state of early capitalism in

Eastern Europe.
The bomb threats and the scuffles yesterday between workers and Janusz Lekszton. the Elgaz owner, are only a part of the aggression that is spilling over in labour and commercial disputes in Poland. A new, private dental surgery in Warsaw had a grenade lobbed through its window a few days ago, and a firebomb was placed in the offices of Kodak after it reduced a managing charges.

duced processing charges. Mr Lekszton began his career in 1985 scouring

Gdansk rubbish dumps for scrap metal which he resold. Since then he has built up one of the largest privately owned companies in Poland with a turnover last quarter of at least £20 million. He dominated the Polish market for gas heaters as well as for plastic window frames. He has also branched out into video distribution, laid the foundations of a private tele-

also one of the main car distributors. Although only 30 years old, he ranks as the fifth wealthiest man in Poland. But his rapid expansion was finan-ced by bank loans, and high interest rates and slow business have left him short of cash. Workers say they have not been paid since January and are refusing either to

vision station and runs a

small private airline. He is

tribution by Elgaz. Mr Lekszton owes money to banks, the treasury and other entrepreneurs as well as his workers. He says that he cannot pay the workers until the end of May, and has resorted

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FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

to the repressive labour law passed during the communist era which forbids any strikes

that could be socially harm-

ful. The workers, many of whom fought for Solidarity in the 1980s, are reliving the

trauma of years gone by, this time at the hands of a private

entrepreneur and a Solidarity

Meanwhile Lech Grobelny.

a fugitive businessman, has

been run to ground in Germany. Like Mr Lekszton he

was one of Poland's early

home-grown capitalists. He built up a network of photo booths and when the Polish

currency became partially convertible in 1989, he changed the booths into bu-

reaux de changes. With the fortune he amassed he set up

Eastern Europe's first private

bank. It offered competitive

interest rates and Poles

flocked to pay in their sav-ings. Mr Grobelny then dis-

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**NEWLY-elected** deputies from the League of the North and Alessandra Mussolini, the Neo-Fascist, basked in the limelight yesterday when the Italian parliament opened.

But the principal political groupings failed to agree a formula to share the key posts of president in the chamber of deputies and the senate. A vote in the two houses of parlia-ment failed to produce a quorum for any candidate. Political experts said this boded ill for efforts to find a new coalition to replace the outgoing alliance led by Giulio Andreotti, the prime minister.

Cameramen and photographers pushed and jostled when Signora Mussolini, 29, arrived But she was too late to lay claim to the seat her grandfather Benito occupied for a year as a Fascist deputy before he became prime minister in 1922. She sulked on the back benches instead and talked to her mother on a mobile phone.



Blonde ambition: Alessandra Mussolini, newly elected deputy of the Neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement, taking her seat in parliament yesterday

# Central Asia airs

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY

THE five republics of former Soviet Central Asia at a meeting in the Kirghiz capital, Bishkek, called for the Com-monwealth of Independent States to be strengthened amid fears that the region — underdeveloped and impoverished — will soon be left to fend for itself.

The meeting was attended by four of the five Central Asian leaders. Rakhmon Na-

The Bishkek meeting reflected concern in the Central Asian republics that the commonwealth, four months after it was founded, is about to collapse. Russia's recent to form its own defence ministry and army has left the Central Asian republics with the prospect of having to fund and organise their own defence.

first summit almost two years ago in Tashkent, but co-ordinating their policies became more urgent after the Minsk meeting last December, when Russia, Ukraine and Belorussia buried the Soviet Union and formed the commonwealth. Yesterday, Nursultan Nazarbayev, Kazakhstan's president, said that the next commonwealth summit in Tashkent would "make or "make or

# its fears

The five republics held their

biyev, Tajikistan's presidentwho is facing an open revolt in his capital. Dushanbe, was

## Russians see signs of hope in market

Moscow: Russia yesterday is-sued very poor economic re-sults for the first quarter of 1992, but noted also the first signs that market mechanisms were starting to work. These are the first quarterly figures since the government freed most retail prices (Mary Dejevsky writes).
Recording a 14 per cent fall

in state revenue, and a 13 per cent fall in industrial production compared with the first quarter of 1991, the Statistics Office said: "Demand is exerting a greater influence on pricing, the market is filling up with goods and economic relations are being conducted increasingly in money [as opposed to barter]."
In the food sector, quanti-

ties of milk and meat bought by the state had fallen. The report did not assess sales of food outside the state system.

#### Duke buried

Miami: About 50 mourners gathered at a Russian Orthodox funeral here for Grand Duke Vladimir Kirillovich Romanov, the claimant to the Russian throne. (Reuter)

Ports close Paris: A dockers' strike para-

lysed most French ports for the second day, port and union sources said. The protest has affected 13 ports. (Reuter)

# Bonn: Russia and Germany

have reached an agreement that will grant autonomy to 2.5 million ethnic Germans in the Volga region. (AFP) Lava advances

Volga accord

#### Catania: Lava from Mount

Etna rolled over the last barrier protecting Zafferana. penetrating to within a few hundred yards of the village, the closest yet. (AFP) Basque cleared

#### Strasbourg: The European Court of Human Rights has

ruled that a Basque senator was wrongly convicted of insulting the Spanish government in an article. (Reuter)

Treaty upheld Kiev: Ukraine's parliament

said nuclear forces should be withdrawn from the Black Sea and affirmed the intention to sign the nuclear nonproliferation treaty.

#### Lang retreats

Paris: Jack Lang. France's minister of education, said that he was dropping a bill on university reform that had led to student protests throughout the country. (AFP)

#### Mickey taken

Rome: Police in Milan have seized more than 22,000 pirate copies of videos of Disney cartoon favourites, including Snow White, Bambi, Pinocchio and Dumbo. (AFP)

# Beaux gestes speak louder than words

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

TURN off the sound when President Mitterrand is speaking on television and his body language becomes a show in itself: hands in constant movement, eye-brows shooting up and down, expressive shrugs taut, dangerous smile. Nobody in French politics to-day comes close to matching M Minerrand's range.

The president has become more like De Gaulle since being re-elected for a second term in 1988, especially in his use of the general's familiar chopping with one hand. At the request of the newspaper Le Quotidien de Paris, a French psychiatrist has reassessed the presidential "vocabulary" of gestures focusing on M Mitterand's most recent ap-

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pearance before journalists. This closely followed the sacking of Edith Cresson as prime minister. Unsurprisingly, Dr Boris Cyrulnik concluded that the president felt somewhat besieged: "Raising the eyebrows at the same time as the pupils are lowered, the mouth pinched, hands clenched, body in full retreat." The unspoken message to his interviewers: "I shall try to evade your questions and woe betide anyone

who pushes too hard." Perhaps the clue lies in Dr Cyrulnik's work as director of a "laboratory of ethnology", which the same dictionary defines as the study of



Mitterrand: becoming more like De Gaulle the behaviour of animals in their natural environment.

Where else to find a leading politician, in these days of the sound bite, than the television studio, ducking awkward questions with appropriately convincing comportment?

Those viewers who managed to stay awake through the 45-minute Mitterand interview would probably find most interest in Dr Cyrulnik's remarks about the two women journalists participating. Christine Ockrent and Anne Sinclair, both stars of the small screen. While the former's questions usually found M Mitterrand head down. frowning at the table, Mme Sinclair's interventions were received with far less defensive body language

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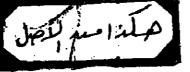
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the European Community peace conference on Yugoslavia and the Portuguese foreign minister who yesterday risked life and limb by coming to the Bosnian capital to demand an end to the fighting that is wrenching Europe's newest state apart. "It is time to get tough with everybody," said Lord Carrington, whose exasperation with the leaders of former Yugoslavia and especially their unkept promises is well

orts close

tine Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister, he said there would be continuing efforts to solve what he termed the "serious problem without make ing difficulties for our Greek partners". Mr Hurd, who arrived here after a visit to Ankara in Turkey, said it was "highly desirable" to reach an agreement on the issue but said this should not be attempted under the pressure of

solution

FROM CHRISTOPHER ELIQU

IN ATHENS AND

**OUR FOREIGN STAFF** 

DOUGLAS Hurd, the for-

eign secretary, declined to

commit himself to Greece's request that the European Community withhold recog-

nition of the breakaway Yu-

goslav republic of Macedonia, if it adopts that name,

the same as that of a northern

After talks with Constan-

Greek province.

Mr Mitsotakis has said he would never accept an inde-pendent state with Macedonia in its name. The Greeks fear it could be used by the republic's leaders to press territorial claims against Greece's Macedonian region.

The foreign secretary said that priority should be given to ending the fighting in Bos-nia-Herzegovina, with support for the mediation efforts of the Portuguese president and Lord Carrington. He said it was essential that this was clearly understood in both Belgrade and Zagreb.

On the question of Cyprus. Mr Hurd said that during talks with Turkish leaders in Ankara he had detected a "rather more positive atti-tude" towards a settlement of the dispute which divides the Mediterranean island between its Greek and Turkish

communities.

A British official said Mr
Hurd wanted to hear Mr Mitsotakis's views on a "set of ideas" endorsed by the United Nations Security Council for a settlement that would reunite the island as a single state with two federated



ported wounded in clashes in

predominantly Muslim Bos-

anska Krupa. Sarajevo was quiet, though. "This is proba-

bly because Lord Carrington is here," was the acid com-

ment of Bosnian Radio - but

one made with the benefit of

experience. Hours after the

dignitaries had left for meet-

ings in Belgrade and then for talks with Croatian leaders the city remained eerily calm.

Sporadic gunfire echoed around the hills, the streets

emptied and Muslim militia-

men in "commandeered' cars

raced through the city, dodg-ing the tank traps and metal rubbish containers that pass

for makeshift barricades in

Some 20 people have been killed in the Bosnia capital in

fighting over the past few days and scores of buildings

hit has gouged a large hole from the side of Sarajevo's

television centre, twisted gut-tering, the tell-tale sign of a

mortar hit can be seen atop the central hotel Beograd and

windows have been smashed

However, as last year, dur-ing the Yugoslav army's siege of Dubrovnik reports of dam-

age to Sarajevo's old town

appear to have been exagger-

ated. Despite the roar made

by exploding mortars and other projectiles many of the shells being used in the con-flict make more noise than

damage. The aim is to sew

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Yesterday many people

ventured out on to the streets

of the city for the first time in days. In the few shops that were open bread, biscuits and Coca-Cola were in plentiful

supply. Milk, vegetables and fresh meat were not to be

In many other Bosnian

towns there were few people

left to enjoy the ceasefire. Fighting and fear has driven

tens of thousands from their

homes. Towns recently siezed

by Serb militias along the

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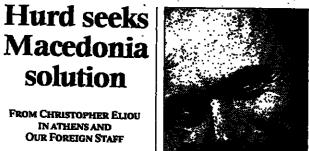
Sarajevo's main streets.

Militiamen wary as guns fall silent

A DISCONSOLATE Mus- known to all. Yesterday afterlim militiaman in the centre noon Lord Carrington and of Sarajevo yesterday João de Deus Pinheiro ansummed up the scepticism nounced that all sides had that exists towards Lord Caragreed to abide by an already rington's peace mission. "As existing but unkept ceasefire. soon as Carrington flies out it'll all begin again," he said. They threatened that if it did not hold then the next session It was hardly a vote of of EC sponsored talks on Bosconfidence in the chairman of nia's future would not take

> "If they don't agree we have made it clear that only chaos and bloodshed lie ahead." Senhor Pinheiro said. Portugal currently holds the presidency of the EC and one of its senior diplomats has been playing a pivotal role in negotiations between Bosnia's Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

Despite these threats fierce fighting was reported in the mainly Croat populated town of Capljina and 48 were re-



## Slovenia coalition collapses

By Roger Boyes EAST EUROPE CORRESPONDENT

JANEZ Drnovsek was appointed prime minister of Slovenia yesterday following the collapse of country's centre-right coalition govern-ment after a parliamentary vote of no confidence. The government of Lozje Peterle, a Christian Democrat, had faced popular discontent over the recession and its muddled approach to market reforms.

Slovenia had seemed the most likely of Yugoslavia's breakaway republics to make a success of independence. It had no Serbian minority was once the most prosperous and Western-orientated of the Yugoslav republics. It declared independence last June and for ten days fought off the Yugoslav army which then turned to Croatia.

to compete in the West. Un-employment has more than doubled, industrial produc-

tion is rising.
The Christian Democrats forming industry.



Drnovsek: is facing an economic recession

But the warfare has deprived Slovenia of its traditional Yugoslav markets, and its industry has found it hard tion has slumped and infla-

had wanted a tough programme of market reforms. Mr Peterle himself seemed more interested in anchoring Roman Catholic values and driving communism out of Slovene society than in re-

Military manoeuvring: Lieutenant Colonel Lois Lodge, commanding the 260-strong British contingent of the United Nations British contingent of the United Nations peacekeeping force in Yugoslavia, arriving at the head of an advance party of 33 at Belgratle airport yesterday. "We are going to stay in Belgrade for a couple of days and then we are going to Zagreb," said Lt Col Lodge, 38, the first woman to command a regular British Army unit on an overseas

mission. The contingent's headquarters will be in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, and from there members will be deployed in the four UN protected areas. Lt Col Lodge's unit, 24 Field Ambulance of the Royal Army Medical Corps. from Catterick, Yorkshire, will include six doctors, four nurses and 60 combat medics, as well as logistics and administrative

# Germany helped to trigger the war in Bosnia

George Brock argues that Bonn's miscalculations have compromised the carefully neutral stance which was being fostered by other EC nations

AS LORD Carrington and the European Community's beleaguered ceasefire monitors met outside Sarajevo, Europe's diplomats offer one of two simple explanations for the war in their midst: either that the Serbs started shooting or, more diplomatically, that all three sides - Serb. Muslim and Croat - are to blame.

Both these versions ignore the EC's responsibility. War might have come to the infant republic without the EC ever becoming entangled in the mesh of Yugoslavia's ethnic tensions: we will never know

But the killing began because of events set in train by the EC. As Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Germany's foreign minister, called yesterday for EC sanctions to restrain Serbia, no other EC minister pointed out that Herr Genscher was thrashing around in a mess which he himself had helped create. A discreet diplomatic amnesia has erased memories of Germany's role in triggering the war in Bosnia.

The sad saga of the EC's efforts to help in Yugoslavia illustrates the appalling diffi-culties which confront groups of states trying to co-ordinate foreign policies in the face of fast-moving conflicts fought by men who will shed blood to win or hold land. Contrary to popular myth, the EC was at first keen to stay out of Yugo-

Forced into visiting Belgrade a year ago, Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, had almost to be strapped into his plane seat by a posse of EC ministers. But the EC was dealing with the late and un-lamented federal government in Belgrade which insisted that it would deal with Brussels and no one else. Washington and Moscow gratefully shoved the EC into the limelight

Europe's foreign ministers overestimated the staying power of the Yugoslav central government and underestimated the force of the nationalist passions. But the EC's mediation at least kept the traditional tensions between France and Germany over the Balkans in check and contributed to stopping the fighting moving outside Croatia. These modest achieve-ments were wrecked by the miscalculations of the German government. As Du-brovnik was pounded by guns and jets and Croat villagers massacred, German public opinion slowly forced Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and Herr Genscher to edge away from the EC's careful neutrality towards outright support for Croatian and Slovenianindependence.

Having promised that Germany would recognise the republics by the end of the year come what may, Herr Genscher came here just before Christmas and asked his 11 EC colleagues to recognise the two states within 24 hours. Every European government knew that Croatian and Slovenian independence would be acknowledged soon-er or later: the only influence Europe commanded was to time the recognitions so as to give peace the best chance. Lord Carrington, chairing the EC's peace talks, said that every other republic would rush to be recognised as independent. That race, he wrote to the ministers, would aggra-vate the insecurity of Serbian minorities and could be the "spark" which set Bosnia-Herzegovina alight. Lord Carrington was right.

• Bonn: Germany and Holland yesterday called for an urgent meeting of the United Nations Security Council to discuss the civil war in Yugo-slavia and issued a firm warning to Serbia that it risked international isolation unless it withdrew its troops from Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia (Ian Murray writes).
The two countries decided

on the move after the failure here of talks intended to persuade Belgrade to order the Yugoslav federal army to leave disputed areas.

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## Serbs serve up a bitter repast

**BELGRADE NOTEBOOK** 

by Anne McElvoy

The invitation to dinner was sudden and discreet, the venue, a draughty villa in the hills above Belgrade, was grandiose in that dismal Balkan way which means that even in the poshest buildings, some of the chandelier

bulbs will be missing.

The foreign minister, his aide explained, was anxious to discuss Serbia's pending isolation from the world community with for-eign journalists and dispel some misunderstandings. Vladislav Jovanovic, former ambassador to London and Turkey, is polite and fluent in several languages — the acceptable face of a charm-

less regime.
It was a carefully-timed public relations exercise, part of the schizophrenic foreign policy which Serbia is pursuing in the wake of the ultimatums from the United States, Europe and the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe that it must stop its involvement in the Bosnian conflict by the end of the month or face international

State television talks of "international media genocide" and warns Serbs that they must battle for their dignity "against the whole world if needs be". So there we were, downing wine with the label Yugoslav Riesling prominently dis-played, and being told that the country's problems sprang from the fact that the CSCE was not in line with its own commitments and that Europe had "lost the European spirit".

We almost thought he was going to accuse America of being un-American, but he ventured in-stead that Washington's new hard-line was due to the fact that the US intended to attack Libya soon and, not wanting to be called anti-Islam, had decided to create a balance by helping the Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Serbia. Mr Jovanovic ex-

plained, saw its role as being a factor of stability in the Balkans, which set us all wondering how it would be behaviour if it wanted to contribute to increbility. It contribute to instability. It was an agreeable, urbane and totally pointless eve-ning. If there was the slightest frisson of discomfort, it came when the jovial host instructed his guests to "attack the soup". It seemed like rather unfortunate wording in the

There are not many tour-ists or even business-men left in Belgrade these days and even the grand Hyatt hotel, once an oasis of sophistication, has a tomb-like feel about it. Those of us still resident watch others checking out with the pang of discomfort that Thomas Mann's hero Aschenbach must have felt staying behind in cholera-ridden Venice in Death in

The city's monthly guide has had to turn its selfrecommendation on the few visitors it has: the bluehelmetted UN troops. The peacekeepers are promised that Belgrade's beauties "have shaken off their coats and stepped into the streets and squares seduc-tively provoking desire and sighs of admiration." After a stroll through the

nervous, dusty streets of a city on the verge of interna-tional pariabdom, its social life crippled by fear of the call-up and hyper-inflation. the peacekeepers will of course be in a position to appreciate for themselves that the citizens of Belgrade are open to life and its joys so much that they are really incapable of do-

ing harm to anyone." All visitors need to leave behind, the tourist authority adds, are any second thoughts or prejudices they may have garnered from the western media. It concludes improbably: "Your stay in this city may turn out to be the best time in your life: you never know."

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# **Red Cross** shuts vital Kabul centre after killing

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KABUL

THE International Committee of the Red Cross yesterday closed its vital orthopaedic centre in Kabul and cancelled its "crossline" programme for evacuating wounded Mujahidin from the countryside to

the capital.

The move came after Jan Carlson, 39, an Icelandic male nurse, was shot dead as he was loading wounded fighters into a Red Cross vehi-cle on Wednesday in rebelheld territory south of the city.

A Mujahidin fired a single rifle shot at him from close range, declaring that his mullah had instructed him to "kill all kafirs" (infidels). Mr Carison, whose wife is also a Red Cross nurse, arrived in Afghanistan six weeks ago on a six-month tour.

The Red Cross staff of 75

## **Rivals fail** to agree on council

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN

AS LEADERS of the ten Mujahidin groups yesterday again failed to reach agreement over the structure of an interim council to replace the Kabul administration, Benon Sevan, the United Nations special envoy, warned that time was running out for a peaceful transition.

Mr Sevan, who returned to Islamabad from Kabul yesterday after meeting the main rebel leader, Ahmed Shah Masood, said armed confrontation among the Mujahidin groups would bring more frustration than that seen in the past 13 years in Afghanistan. He said irresponsible action from any rebel group might precipitate civil war and no individual or group would be able to control the situation. The UN envoy said that Mr Masood has ensured him that he will not enter Kabul but will provide an opportunity for a negotiated settlement. But the rebel leader said he cannot wait for

long.
Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the hardline leader of the fundamentalist Hezb-i-Islami, has refused to participate in any council with Mr Masood. The fundamentalist chief has threatened to attack Kabul if the government does not surrender by Sunday. Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister of Pakistan, has flown to Peshawar to meet the rebel leaders in an attempt to avert civil war.

being reduced to 40, the minimum necessary to keep open the 260-bed main hospital in Kabul. The 750 Afghan employees will not be affected. Laurent Corbaz, the head of the Red Cross in Afghanistan, said the killer, a member of the Hezb-i-Islami Mujahidin group which is threatening to attack the capital, was "arrested" by other

fighters.
"We have no protection other than the symbol of the red cross," Mr Corbaz said. "I have to think first about the security of my staff." The Red Cross has two clinics outside the Afghan capital, one to the north and the other to the south, where wounded rebels gather for transportion to Kabul. But from now on they will have to make their own way to the city — a risky proposition without Red

The closure of the orthopaedic centre will be a blow to huge numbers of people who have lost limbs in the war. For almost all of them, it offers the only hope of getting artifi-cial limbs, which are made on the premises by locally-trained staff. Lau Dyg, the head of the centre, said 1,600 patients were treated last year. The number of amputees in the country was variously estimated at between 40,000 and 120,000, about 6,000 of whom are registered

with the Red Cross. "This is one of the biggest orthopaedic centres in the world, dealing with one of the highest number of amputees in the world. Only Cambodia is worse than Afghanistan," Mr Dyg said. Hundreds of people continue to lose limbs from landmines in Afghanistan every year. The Russians kept meticulous records of their minefields, but rain and snow have moved the mines.

The Mujahidin have planted millions of mines without records. Bomb clearance experts say that second world war designs made out of sticks of TNT and primitive casings of wood have a lifestan produced highly effective plastic models that will never rust and are likely to have a lifespan of at least 70 years. They are virtually undetect-

Before the orthopaedic clinic closed it was crowded with men, children and women learning how to use crutches and artificial limbs. Alah Gul, aged 14, who lost her left fruit, said she was excited because she was ready to go home after a long period of rehabilitation. She was one of the luckier ones: those still were told to go away.



# Hurd rejects new offer by Libya

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND CHRIS ELIOU IN ATHENS

THE latest Libyan manoeu- ly, they will comply with the vre to resolve the Lockerbie deadlock with a compromise failed yesterday when Britain rejected an offer from Colonel Muammar Gaddafi to hand over the two suspects for trial in Cairo.

The Libyan leader presented his proposal to President Mubarak when they met on Tuesday but it was only made public yesterday in an interview given by Colonel Gaddafi to Xinhua, the China news agency, one of the few foreign news organ-isations still reporting from

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, now on a visit to Greece, said in Athens that Colonel Gaddafi's offer that the two Libyans involved be tried in the Egyptian capital by a "mixed" court of all parties concerned in the dis-pute was unacceptable. "Our request." Mr Hurd said, "is that the two Libyan officials alleged to have committed this act of terrorism should be handed over for justice either in Scotland or the United States. Very few days have passed in the last few weeks without some initiative being reported on this matter, and we have given the same reply to each one.

He added: "The procedure is clear. It can be done directly or through the United Nations secretary-general. That is our consistent stance and our Arab friends and the Libyans know that and, hopeful-

request."

The next scheduled at tempt to find a diplomatic solution will be on April 28. when Arab League foreign ministers hold an emergency session in Cairo. Egyptian politicians fear that the next stage could be the impounding of all Libyan assets Yesterday, Sudan, an Arab

League member country, de-clared official government support for Libya but did not state whether, like Syria. it would attempt to breach the air blockade imposed by the UN Security Council on April 15. Speaking on behalf of Sudan's military government, Ali Ahmed Sahloul, the foreign minister told nadia. foreign minister, told parlia-ment: "Sudan sides with Libya in the international crisis

currently under way."

The day the UN sanctions went into effect, Sudan's parliament asked President al-Bashir, the country's military leader, not to comply with the embargo. But all flights between the two neighbouring states have been cancelled, and the administration in Khartoum has done nothing to indicate that it will defy the

Al Ahram, the Cairo newspaper, disclosed that anticipation of tougher sanctions to come against Libya had prompted a run on the large Arab International Bank. which is nearly 30 per cent owned by Libya.

## **Pentagon** 'doubled' Iraq force

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WASHINGTON

THE United States and its allies faced an Iraqi military force that was less than half the 500,000 claimed by the Pentagon at the start of the ground war to retake Kuwait, a congressional report said yesterday. The report by the house

armed services committee estimated that the Iraqi force, battered by aerial bombing, had been re-duced to about 183,000 troops when the ground war began on February 23. 1991. There never really were 547,000 Iraqi troops in theatre because - and this was not known until after the war -- many units were sent to the theatre substantially under-

strength," the report said.

The panel estimated that
183,000 Iraqi troops remained after bombing attacks by the allies. This is based on the 63,000 who were captured in the ground war and the panel's calculation of 120,000 who escaped or were killed. The report said 9,000 Iraqis were killed and 17,000 injured in the air war.

The Pentagon has never released numbers on the total of Iraqi deaths al-though officials have said it could have been as high as 100,000 and as low as



# Israeli patriots attest to the 'secret war'

Right-wingers' claims of a shoot-to-kill policy have shaken the armed forces, Richard Beeston writes from Jerusalem

LIKE most Israelis, David and Aviva Elimelech had only respect for the country's armed forces, until one evening this week when they came face to face with the secret war being waged by army undercover units against Palestinians in the occupied territories.

The incident in itself was not unusual — this year 31 Palestinians have been shot dead by the security forces, 20 of them by plainclothes soldiers — but the difference this time was that the shooting was played out in front of Israeli civilians, whose compelling testimony made

front-page news. Mr Elimelech, 34, was visiting a Palestinian business acquaintance in the village of Dura near Hebron when he saw three masked Palestinian youths with paint brushes writing graffiti on a wall. "Suddenly a civilian car with a blue [West Bank] number plate arrived," he re-called. "A few people got out of the car and fired some volicys from a range of two or three metres at the men. I saw two of them lying on the ground wounded. Only then did I realise that the gunmen were IDF [Israeli army] soldiers." He and his wife called out to the soldiers in Hebrew to stop shooting and explained that they were Jews, but their interference led only to a physical confronta-

tion with the soldiers, who

later returned and severely They [the soldiers] fired without any warning. They fired without saying a word." he said. "I shouted that they were killing in cold blood and that I would not remain silent." The army insists that the soldiers behaved according to guidelines and that warning shots were fired in the air before the soldiers shot and wounded the two youths as they tried to escape. However, in the face of growing public criticism, a military investigation has

There have been similar claims by Israeli human rights groups and Palestin-ian leaders that the special units are engaged in a "shoot-to-kill" policy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. However, the army has tried to undermine the credibility of the Elimelechs and Israeli extremists have attempted to silence them with threaten-

ing phone calls.
Mrs Elimelech, 22, admits that accusing the army was not easy, particularly since she does not sympathise with the Palestinian cause. "I love my country, and I respect the army. My husband served in the IDF and we are on the right of Israeli politics. We voted Likud in the last election," she said yesterday. "But I cannot see people shot



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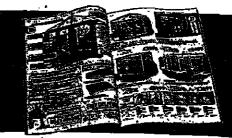
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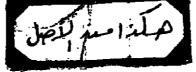
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# De Klerk seeks poll for ruling council

By Gavin Bell in Johannesburg and Our Foreign Staff

PRESIDENT de Klerk has of three to five members proposed the general election of a multiparty executive to carry out the functions of head of state and government in the initial phase of multiracial democracy.

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Addressing parliament yes-terday, Mr de Klerk modified his earlier plan for a rotating presidency drawn by consensus from the main parties. Direct elections to the council

would identify leaders with proven support, he said. Every party would be able

to nominate one candidate for election on the basis of one-person one-vote. The chairmanship would rotate twice yearly with the incumbent fulfilling the ceremonial functions of head of state.

In a broad review of gov-emment policy, Mr de Klerk

# Police convicted of Inkatha murders

By GAVIN BELL

FIVE South African policemen have been convicted of mass murder in a trial which produced evidence of police involvement in violence-ravaging black communities.

Mr Justice Andrew Wilson, in the Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg, yesterday found a white captain and four black colleagues guilty of murdering 11 people, includ-ing women and children, at a funeral vigil in Natal in De-cember, 1988. Two white officers were acquitted.

In a bizarre twist, the court heard that the attack ordered by Captain Brian Mitchell, a station commander, had gone wrong. Instead of tar-getting the home of a sympathiser of the African National

Congress, the constables had

shot supporters of the rival

Inkatha Freedom Party. Mitchell said he regarded himself as a soldier on the side of the government in a civil war. He sympathised with Inkatha because he did not see it as part of the "revolutionary onslaught". A local Inkatha leader testified that when he had asked Mitchell for help in tackling political problems, he was told it was pointless arresting anti-Inkatha activists because they would be set free, and that it was better they be killed.

The judge criticised other officers instructed to investigate the case. They were either incompetent or not intersaid there had been a sharp reduction in covert activities by the state security apparatus since 1990, to the point where the National Intelligence Service, the police and the armed forces had terminated all secret projects. Mr de Klerk did not pro-

pose a date for the election, but said it could precede a universal franchise vote for a parliament to replace the apartheid-based white, Asian and Coloured chambers. This proposal makes it possible ... to find a way to quickly and expeditiously and effectively let the people of South Africa decide who are the core of leaders that they want ... to stand in the lead of the process of further change" he said.

Mr de Klerk said the proposal would be put before the multiparty Convention for a Democratic South Africa (Codesa), which is negotiating a transition from white rule. The proposal reverses his ear-lier insistence on an executive appointed by parties on the basis of an all-race vote for an

interim parliament.

It could go some way to meet demands by the African National Congress and Nelson Mandela, its president, for a share of executive power at an early stage of the transi-tion. But the ANC has long said a multiparty interim gov-ernment should be appointed by the parties at Codesa and



The long munch: two policemen linger over their first hamburgers in the 700-seat McDonald's restaurant that opened in Peking yesterday. A Big Mac costs 85 pence, 5 per cent of the average monthly salary

# Big Macs tickle Peking palates

FEW of the Peking crowd who waited in the blustery wind for the opening of the world's biggest McDontasted a hamburger before but most were convinced that given its American origins it had to be good.

"I started out at three this

morning and got here at said Dong Jie, a student at Peking University, waving a paper McDonald's flag and sporting a McDonald's hat. He intended to eat a Big Mac instead of his usual breakfast of fried pancakes. As the doors opened, oung and old pushed to get in, falling over each other and the barriers to get into the haven of American efficiency and cleanliness. After the initial crush, there was room for all. With a floor space of 28,000 square ft, more than 700 seats, and a staff of 900, Peking Mc-Donald's beats even Mos-

cow. McDonald's execut-

ives looked on happily as

Capitalist culture imported from the West is going down well in one of the last bastions of communism, writes Catherine Sampson from Peking

burgers, chips, ice cream, Coke and apple pie ... and that was just for breakfast. Most Chinese usually pre-

fer pork or chicken to beef, and there were a few uncertain faces. Reactions varied from the polite "very nice" through "so-so" — to the downright appalled. Many customers peeled off the bun, the better to inspect what lurked inside. One man, unsure of how to tackle the burger, tried un-successfully to spear it with his drinking straw.

At 8 yuan 50 for a Big Mac (about 90 pence), prices in Peking are slightly higher than in Hong Kong. but with the increasing prosperity of the urban popplained. More than 20,000

ments to work at McDonald's. Employees earn up to 400 yuan a month: twice the average wage of a worker in a state factory. They work flat out, in a way they have never experienced in China's state sector. If they do not come up to scratch, they can be fired. If they look promising, they might be rewarded with a twoweek stay at Hamburger University in Illinois.

Training posters in the staff room advise employees to "wear a happy smile and forget unhappy thoughts". seems to have become cheerfully amnesiac about the killings which occurred less than three years ago when the army opened fire on pro-democracy demonjust a few minutes' walk from Tiananmen Square. Noel Kaplan, the company's senior vice-president for Asia, remarked: "You have to be where the people are, and good things and bad things are going to hap-

pen in your area."

to foreign brandnames in the way that Moscow was. It already has Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut, Benetton and Stefanel. There is no agonising here about whether a communist country should allow such capitalists as these to set up shop

For the communist city overnment, which owns a half share, McDonald's will be like the goose which laid golden eggs. No wonder then that the Chinese side has given its blessing to a McDonald's logo which shows McDonald's golden arches rising above the Tiananmen rostrum, where Mao Tse-Tung declared the

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## Ray, doyen of Indian cinema, dies at 70

Delhi: Satyajit Ray, India's best known film director, died yesterday in a Calcutta nursing home (Coomi Kapoor writes). Ray, 70, had been in hospital since January for respiratory ailments and a cardiac problem. The state government in West Bengal, his home state, announced a public day of mourning to-

This year Ray won an Oscar for lifetime achievement and became the first artist to be awarded the highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna, by the Indian government. In 1989 President Mitterrand of France decorated him with the Legion d'Honneur. Mr Ray had been acclaimed in Europe from his first film, Pather Panchali (The Long Road), which won an award at the Cannes film festival in 1956.

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#### Quake hits US

Los Angeles: A powerful earthquake registering 6.1 on the Richter scale shook Los Angeles but it caused only minor damage across a wide area. Dozens of buildings were damaged and power supplies cut. At least 15 people were injured. (Reuter)

#### Talks spurned

Harare: Herman Cohen, the American assistant Secretary of State for African affairs, deplored the failure of Afonso Dhlakama, leader of Mozambican rebels, to respond to his requests for a meeting on the plight of famine victims. The US has promised relief aid.

#### Plot uncovered

Manila: The Philippines armed forces confirmed that military rebels were plotting to disrupt the May 11 presi-dential elections. Officials emphasised that it was not a coup attempt as the rebels had no resources to challenge government forces.

#### Voters riot

Sydney: Police fired bullets and tear gas to quell an election riot involving 10,000 people in the provincial capiial of Mendi in Papua New Guinea. Two people were taken to hospital with bullet wounds and a third with arrow wounds. (Reuter)

#### been infected with Legionnaires' Disease in New South Wales. The source of the illness is unknown. (Reuter)

and at least 13 others have

Disease kills

wins back | Sydney: Three men have died and at least 13 others have

Official freed Geneva: Iraqis freed a United Nations official three days after he was arrested in Kurdistan. The UN said harassment by Iraqi soldiers had

#### increased. (AFP) Japanese fined

Tokyo: Japan Aviation Electronics was fined £21,000 and four former employees were given suspended jail sentences for exporting missile parts to Iran. (Reuter)

#### Man executed

Huntsville: The state of Texas has executed Billy Wayne White by lethal injection, the fifth this year. White had been on death row for more than 14 years. (Reuter)

## Suez: An Egyptian court sen-tenced six Greek sailors to

Sailors to hang

hang, including three still at large, for smuggling into Egypt six tons of hashish hidden in car tyres. (AP)

#### Puma shot

Vancouver: A Canadian trapper shot dead a puma in his home after the animal chased

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# Illness forces resignation of Burma's junta leader

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

GENERAL Saw Maung, the head of Burma's military junta, has resigned for health reasons, according to Ran-goon radio. He has been replaced by General Than Shwe, deputy chairman and

The increasingly eccentric behaviour of Saw Maung, 63, who led the group of military officers who seized power in 1988, had fuelled rumours that he had suffered a nervous breakdown or some other mental illness. Many of his speeches were almost

This was long denied by the junta, but yesterday the radio said that "owning to heavy responsibilities undertaken continuously by Senior General Saw Maung, his health failed, necessitating a complete rest as advised by his doctors". He had already given up his posts of foreign minister and defence minis-

It is undear whether his retirement will precipitate any change in the balance of power or the junta's policies. Khin Nyunt, the chief of military intelligence who signed the broadcast statement, has long been seen as the key figure in setting policy. There may now be a struggle for power and a possible soften-ing of some hardline human

rights policies. Than Shwe joined the army in 1953, and was steadily promoted, becoming a lieutenant-general in 1985. He is said to be feared by his subordinates.

The junta came to power by crushing the uprising for democracy in September 1988. Troops shot dead thousands of demonstrators and many thousands more have been arrested in the past three years, including Aung San Suu Kyi, the main opposition leader who has been under house arrest since 1989.

She won the Nobel peace prize last year, and the publicity over her continued detention has embarrassed the junta severely. Promises to



Saw Maung: rumours

respect the results of the election have been broken, and many who won parliamentary seats have been arrested.

The change of leadership also coincides with a campaign to drive out Muslims from the border regions with Bangladesh and to storm the Karen rebel strongholds in the east of the country. Both campaigns have led to sharpworsened relations with Bangladesh and Thailand. The United Nations has persuaded the junta to allow back some of the thousands of Muslims who fled into

Bangladesh. The changes come as Burma withdraws its two senior military attaches in Europe from London and Bonn, in response to the European Community's decision to withdraw military attachės from Rangoon as a protest against Burma's human

rights policy.

Dissident Burmese sources in London said that Colonel Tin Oo left on Wednesday. The remaining five military staff have been reclassified as members of the foreign ser vice, with a substantial sum of money and two Western cars for their use. Dissidents fear that they will be as active as ever in trying to spy on the Burmese community in

#### agency reported. King Juan Carlos of Spain has presented the Spanish writer Francisco Ayala with the 1991 Cervantes Prize for

Uganda.

literature, the Spanish-speak-ing world's top literary award. Nicu Ceausescu, the convicted son of Romania's late dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, told a Bucharest military court he is dropping an earlier request to be released from jail on grounds of illness.

# Tales of the Mob hound New York's jailer

LAW enforcement officers. battling the Mob in New Jersey were horrified to read this week that the new head of New York City's prison system was the daughter of a reputed captain in the Lucchese crime family who wasonce suspected of being a hitman for Al Capone.

Catherine Abate took over on Monday as New York City's Corrections Commissioner, responsible for 22,000 inmates, after serving for the last two years as head of the city's probation department. The scandal has embarrassed the administration of David Dinkins, the mayor, and apparently Ms Abate herself and has given a new meaning to the expression "the American dream". Now 89, Joseph Abate reportedly rose from being a street tough to a high-rank-

The city's new head of prisons may be the daughter of a man suspected of being a hit man for Al Capone, James Bone writes

organisation. According to a 1978 report in The Bergen Record, a New Jersey newspaper, Abate was arrested in Chicago in 1923 and gave as his home address a headquarters for the notorious gangster Al Capone. The paper quoted a police report as saying: "It is strongly suspected that Abate had been a

ing member of the Lucchese

hitman for Al Capone. The Record said Abate became a "sleeper" after being charged in 1939 with dealing in bootleg alcohol and was no longer active in organised crime although he fraternised with gangsters. But his name reappeared in 1985, when The New York Times quoted investigators describing him as a mafia 'underboss"

Authorities in New Jersey now say that in the 1980s Abate was regarded as one of the most important Lucchese family figures in the area around Atlantic City, the gambling resort on the New Jersey shore. At one time, they say, he was the consigliere, or counsellor, to the entire family. Police believe he remained active in the Lucchese organisation, serving as a liaison officer with

the allegations about her father as "ridiculous". She said he was suffering from senility and was confined to his home in a suburb of Atlantic City by illness. "There is no way I can even

approach him to cite these allegations," she told The New York Times. They have to be completely false. What are they based on? Are they saying he has associations. That's not the man I know." A lawyer by training. Ms Abate's reputation has never been questioned in 20 years of public service. She worked for the New York City Legal Aid Society, the New York State Crime Victims Board and Division of Human Rights and the Probation Department before her

present appointment.

Dinkins, who appointed her Ms Abate has described to the high-profile prisons post, said all job applicants had to identify their parents to verify their identity but that their parents were not investigated

We hold to the simple, but fundamental, principle that a person should be judged ony by his or her own actions. not by the actions, alleged or real, of those to whom they are related." he said. Washington: Marion Bar-

ry. Washington's former mayor, was released from a federal prison yesterday after completing a six-month term for cocaine possession. The mayor for life, as he is known by his supporters, has already suggested that he may stand for the city council in this year's elections, to the horror of his successor. Shar-

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# Itchy symbol of a bygone age

Wigs and gowns are absurd dress for today's lawyers, says David Pannick

abolish the wearing of wigs in their court. If, as expected, they accept the submissions made by the Commercial Bar Association in favour of reform, it is very likely that the rest of the High Court will follow their example.

Alexander Herzen, visiting an English court for the first time in 1853, was struck by the comicality of the "medieval" scene of a judge wearing a fur coat and something like a woman's dressing gown". Wigs and gowns still provide entertainment for tourists enjoying our quaint legal pageant. Lawyers would, no doubt, hap-

pily continue to make the sacrifice of putting on their wigs and gowns in the interests of the tourism, but for the feeling that dressing up for the occasion reduces the ability of the legal system to promote justice.

It is increasingly difficult for judges and lawyers to convince their customers that they understand present day concerns when the legal profession looks as if it has just stepped out of the 18th century.

The protective headgear of the lawyer contributes to legal pomposity and lay suspicion. What Anthony Troilope condemned as "the paraphernalia of the horsehair wigs" encourages the erroneous belief — in lawvers and nonlawyers alike that the law is a

foreign language which can be spoken only by experts. The result is that judges, lawyers and the legal system suffer from the dual afflictions of unmerited criticism and undeserved praise.

Fashionable headgear

of the 18th century

The wig is a particular burden for barristers, who are now expected to compete with solicitors for legal business. In seeking to persuade potential clients, domestic and foreign, that the Bar can provide a service attuned to commercial and social needs at the end of the 20th century, barristers are handicapped by working clothes which give the impression that they are living in an earlier age.

Legal dress further hinders the of the courts by increasing the unease felt by witnesses required to give evidence in the theatrical atmosphere of a trial. As Charles Dickens observed in The Old Curiosity Shop, "life in a wig is to a large class of people much more terrifying and impressive than life with its own head of hair".

The case for retaining wigs and cowns is that the custom enhances the dignity of a serious occasion, and so encourages respect for those who are charged with the responsibility of administering justice. But it would be a sad reflection on the quality of our law-yers and judges if respect for judicial proceedings really depended on the wearing of horsehair.

Nor is such a theory credible. Those who defend the retention of

ext Tuesday, on the first day of the new legal term, the Judges of the Commercial Court will vote on whether to Courts, or in the many High Court cases heard in private. The Law Lords, sitting in the highest court in the land, do not wear wigs or gowns. All of these proceedings attain the requisite degree of

status symbol?

old tradition.

Last year, Rolls-Royce sales in

Britain halved. Of course, the

economy is a factor - what

company chairman would date take delivery of a new Rolls as he

was laying off workers? — but some people have shed the Rolls for good. The Foreign Office is selling off its fleet; the chairman

of ICI now uses a Daimler, and since the Sixties even editors of

The Times have broken with the

At the back of the mind is the

feeling that these days a Rolls is just a little bit, well, flash. The

Queen may still have five, but

and the grow-ing demand for a "peace dividend", the

question is once more insis-

tently being asked. "What is the army for?" The Ministry

of Defence usually replies with a kind of laundry list of

"commitments" including

Belize, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, the Falklands, Bel-

fast and Nato - legacies

from a past either distant of

recent, all demanding mon-ey and men. But this is to

answer a different question

- "What is the army do-

ing?" The question "What is

it for?" probes deeper. None of these commitments is

necessarily permanent. If they ceased to exist, would

Three hundred years ago,

in 1689, our forefathers

answered this question with

a resounding no: a stand-

ing army in time of peace

was not only unnecessary,

but dangerous, and its ra-

tionale had to be care-

fully examined in parlis-

ment once a year. But there

always seemed good reason

for preserving at least

a few regiments. Ireland,

effectively hostile territory,

had to be garrisoned

against a Stuart restoration.

posts that needed protection.

There was already a sprinkling of colonial settlements or trading

Furthermore, it was grudgingly conceded, King William and his

successors needed help in main-

taining a balance of power on the continent, the overthrow of which

would seriously threaten the Prot-

estant succession. This controlt-

ment to the continent was always

unpopular and tolerated only in

emergencies. After each interven-

tion, whether against Louis XIV or

Louis XV, Napoleon or Kaiser Wilhelm, the army was once more

reduced to the minimal size need-

ed to fulfil what had, by the dawn

of this century, come to be seen as

its primary role: the defence and policing of the British Empire. That was what the army was for, and that was what it was seen to be

for until the beginning of 1939.

Then the Chamberlain govern-

ment belatedly woke up and

we need an army at all?

dignity and majesty. Indeed, it is well established that judges may make orders in any circumstances, robed or un-dressed. Vice-Chancellor Shadwell is said to have granted an injunction during the 1840s while bathing in the Thames. In the 1890s. Baron Huddleston addressed a jury from his bed, when afflicted

by an attack of gout.

The prosaic historical reason why lawyers dress up was given by Lord Justice MacKinnon in an article published in Law Quarterly Review in 1940. The wearing of wigs was a fashion that was once

universal among gentlemen and was except bishops. barristers and judges towards the end of the 18th century. "Bishops, with the per-mission of William IV, gave them up in 1832; judges and barnsters re-tain them still."

There are many impediments to justice in our legal system, including the delays and the complexity of the Abolition of wigs and gowns would not, of itself, take us unto a brave new legal world.

But it would rightly be perceived by the public as an important symbol of the lawyer's commitment to reform the legal system to remove anachronisms which inhibit the promotion of justice. Where our legal system needs reform, it has to struggle to overcome the English lawyer's reverence for the doctrine of precedent. We have done it before, so we will continue to do it. The wearing of wigs and gowns in

court has no other justification. Ever-increasing numbers of judges and lawyers are eager to lay down their wigs and gowns. Many of them are concerned about the adverse impact that court dress has on the reputation and performance of the legal system. Some of us have experienced the true absurdity of appearing, dressed in national costume, in the European Court of Justice and attempting to understand a question from a judge of another EC state in a translation through headphones balanced on a barrister's wig. A few radicals are simply unwilling to spend much more of their working life scratching a head

made itchy by horsehair. All members of this coalition hope the Commercial Court judges will lead the march away from the robing rooms to a safe distance where liberated lawyers can burn the symbol of a bygone

The author is a practising barrister. His book Advocates was published yesterday (OUP, £15).

## Mary Ann Sieghart finds that owning a Rolls is not the status symbol it once was

King of the road? ive happily, live hidden — vive heureux, vive caché — is the maxim the moneyed French follow as they drive home in their humdrum cars. The British, never having experienced a social upheaval to match the

and anyway, no envious member armour-plated Rollses to the Mid-of the public could get near her also die East when he raised a regi-French revolution, were more of the public could get near her comfortable flaunting their wealth. But the decline of Rollsmetalwork with a 10p coin. Otherwise, the Rolls is more likely Royce Motor Cars may signal more than a recession. Has the to be seen at Walthamstow Greyhound Stadium or in front of an car become too ostentatious a Arab-owned house in Mayfair than parked in the drive of a stately home.

Today's aristocrats are more at home with a solidly built estate car or Range Rover in the country, perhaps a Jaguar in town, although Mercedes and BMWs. Toyotas and Mazdas are just as common. A generation ago, they might have felt uncomfortable buying German or Japanese. Now even the Princess of Wales has succumbed to a Mercedes.

Viscount Ridley, to whom the Queen yesterday awarded the Order of the Garter, drives a modest four-wheel-drive Fiat Panda. Even the Duke of Westminment there during the first world war, drives an Aston Martin Lagonda and a Mercedes.

His status symbol is a helicopter (secondhand, he protests). What gives him most pleasure is sailing over a 15-mile tailback at the Hanger Lane gyratory system in West London. There's the rub. With congested roads and a shortage of parking, a Rolls is hardly more fun than any other car. Traffic jams are the ultimate democracy. If anything, a Rolls is now more

trouble than it is worth. People seem more envious of ostentatious wealth than they used to be. Even middle-range cars can be vandalised if they are parked overnight on the street. Rolls drivers tend to produce the same reaction as women wearing fur coats: outright

The newly rich, perhaps, do not mind. An East End boy who becomes a pop star or a champion boxer may be delighted to provoke a reaction of envy mixed with admiration. But in Britain the

envy is now uppermost. Not so long ago, admiration won. When Lady Docker drove her gold-plated Daimler with zebra-skin seats, despite the austerity of those post-war, ration-book years, she got away with it. She revelled in ostentation, and the public revelled, vicariously, in her.

Los Angeles. Hong Kong and Monaco, havens for self-made men and women, are now the natural homes of the Rolls. Hong Kong has more Rolls-Royces per square mile than any other country, but Monaco has more per head of population: one for every 65 inhabitants, compared with one for every 170 million in China. In Hollywood, there are more

than 8.500 Rollses in the Beverly Hills area alone. There people enjoy their money and are less inclined to envy others' wealth: Rollses don't get scratched in

So what counts as a status symbol in Britain these days? Only a fool would buy a Rolex watch, a Gucci bag or Louis Vuitton luggage: fakes have so devalued the currency. A yacht does not go down badly, and an Impressionist painting will still impress, though flashy gems do not. Anyone who has inherited family jewellery tends to keep it safely locked up in

Houses and land are still the best status symbols, because the supply of the right kind is so limited. A personal island, a Scottish castle or above all a stately home, are the most soughtafter possessions. But, of course. the ultimate status symbols in Britain's snobbish society cannot be bought. They can only be inherited: a title, complete with ancestral portraits in the ancestral home. No need for a Rolls

# Soldiering on in a new era

Highly-trained, versatile and mobile forces are Britain's best contribution to international order, argues Michael Howard



Cavalry regiment in action in India: protecting the Empire was what the army was for until 1939

bution to the common cause.

The army itself liked its traditional role, which kept it small, clubbable and professional, and provided an agreeable lifestyle for officers from the landed classes who were increasingly ill at ease in an industrialised and democratic Britain. Regiments were self-contained families, equally at home in Aldershot, Egypt or India. Large-scale war was disruptive and unwelcome, and it took the army years to adjust to it.

But for the onset of the Cold War, the army would have been happy to return to "real soldiering" after 1945. As it was, cam-paigning in Kenya, Cyprus, Mal-aya and Borneo enabled it to exercise traditional skills, and provided welcome respite from the

Marshal Montgomery was probably the last British commander who thought of the army as "the nation in arms". With the possible exception of Douglas Haig, he was also probably the first.

ut in the 1950s and 1960s, the army worked itself out of its traditional job, and by the 1970s there was no empire to police. The triad of Aldershot, Egypt and In-dia had been replaced by the smaller, drabber circuit of Aldershot, Belfast and Luneberg Heath. In any case, soldiers were now family men with children who needed schools, and wives who disliked moving. Officers needed technical and administrative

skills, the learning of which left

realised that the survival of Britain itself was at stake, and that no allies could help us unless we once again made a massive land contri-Ministry of Defence in London. where a real war had to be fought against their sister services and the common foe, the Treasury.

As a result, the army now offers few of its traditional rewards. Young men reluctant to settle down immediately to office jobs may still pass their salad days in a regiment, but only as a prelude to more lucrative, if more sedentary careers. To persevere into higher ranks — which are progressively less glamorous and in every sense less rewarding - demands ambition as well as exceptional skills.

Still, the army has adjusted to new circumstances as well as could be expected. The clamour for the preservation of ancient regiments has come mainly, as always, from retired officers with golden memoand increasingly classicss responsibility for reshaping the army for its new tasks.

These successors have created a versatile and highly professional body, rather better equipped to deal with changing circumstances than most others. It is true that a generation of senior officers has been trained to regard the conduct of la grande guerre as their primary responsibility, and ironic that a course has only recently been established at Camberley to teach them how to do it.

But the tasks which today confront the army are not unlike those which it was brought into being to undertake 300 years ago. There is still tragically. Ireland. There is a sprinkling of overseas settlements - about as many as there were in 1689. And there is the need to contribute to the stability and cohesion of our continental neighbours - not now by sustaining a traditional "balance of power", but by contributing to a new kind of "security community". the limits of which have still to be determined.

Maintaining the security of this wider Europe has replaced the defence of the UK itself as the prime role of our armed forces. and the army in particular. When that security is threatened by disorder elsewhere in the world, as in the Gulf, our capacity to contribute to settlements will determine the degree of influence we can exercise afterwards, and this is the fundamental reason for maintaining an army of respectable size. In the last resort, welltrained, mobile and versatile armed forces remain the most effective contribution that a medium-sized power like Britain can make to an international community still groping its way towards some kind of new world order. maintaining stability within our own community and restoring it outside, in association with our allies, whenever our common in-terests require it. That, today, is what the army is for.

# ...and moreover

isturbing, the people you suddenly find your-self having something in common with. Apart from anything else, it can ruin your syntax. Who would have guessed, when I awoke this morning, that within twenty minutes I should have become all but blood brother to Mr Hilton Cubitt, squire of Ridling Thorpe Manor, Norfolk? If you do not instantly recall

the name, permit me to remind you that he was a tall, ruddy. clean-shaven gentleman whose clear eyes and florid cheeks told of a life led far from the fogs of Baker Street. Got him now? Yes. indeed, the cove who turned up at 221 b cried: "Well, Mr Holmes, what do you make of these?" and tossed a drawing on the cluttered desk which encouraged Watson not only to entitle this particular caper The Dancing Men, but also to reproduce the sketch itself, a Lowryesque number depicting a chorus line of high-kicking matchsticks. These, when Holmes had made of them what we had rather fancied he might, were revealed to be a code concerning an eternal triangle in which Hilton Cubitt. the squire on the hypot-enuse, ended up drilled through the heart, leaving the other two sides faring hardly better, his rival Abe Slancy banged up for good in the Norwich slammer for doing the drilling, and the hapless Mrs Cubitt condemned to a life of filling the parish poor with soup.

How very different, you murmur, from the home life of our a death threat.

own dear Cricklewood squire! Oh, really? What I murmur is where, when I need it, is a "trifling monograph upon the subject in which I analyse one hundred and sixty separate ciphers?" Try to locate this and you will soon find it is no use grabbing the Yellow Pages and saying, "Hello, sorry, it's J.R. Hartley again, you haven't by any chance got that monograph by S. Holmes on ...?"

I went down this morning to collect the post. because I had heard the gate squeak, but when the post did not come through the letter-box, I opened the door, to find Jag the postman gazing at the gate's brick pier. Seeing me. he beckoned and I joined him, so that both of us could stare at the rough chalk drawing of a little man with beneath it, three lines of flowing non-European text. Jag. who is Kashmiri said: "Very odd, I think this writing is Demala." I asked him what Demala was. and when he said it was the language of the Tamils, I asked him what the words meant, and he said he didn't speak it, he just recognised it, which I suppose comes with being a postman. but he said the man who ran the Atlanta supermarket was Sing-

halese, and he would know. I said I didn't think it was worth troubling him, it was probably just some passing kid, but Jag pointed out that the little man had an axe in his head, and if you saw it in Kashmir, it would frighten the life out of you, because it meant

Jag moved on, and I paused for thought. You did not want a Tamil contract out against you, I had heard about the ligers, they did not muck about. I wondered if I might have inadvertently got on the wrong side of one, a meter-maid, a shop assistant, you never know, so I carefully copied down the drawing and the squiggles and I drove to Atlanta, and the owner asket who'd said it was Demala, and I said Jag, and he said Demala his eye, it was some kind of Arabic, look at these newspapers we stock and I did, and it was very similar, and I thought have I sworn at any PLO meter mails in the past few days, have I had a barney with any Herbolian shop-assistants? Then Mrs Atlanta came out from behind the till and said that in Sri Lanka the axe-in-head routine wasn't a death-threat, it was just a curse, and I said fine, but what is it in Baghdad, and she shrugged and went back behind the till.

The Hampstead desk-ser-geant said it looked to him like trampsign, he'd done a stint in Suffolk where tramps drew staff on gates to tip the wink to colleagues about hot food, roft-weilers, compliant chatelaists and so forth, and I said what to they mean when they stick an avair a little mean's hard and ha axe in a little man's head, and he said he'd never learned to read it, you didn't need it in the Met. and I said what's my best coulded of action, and he said why not wash it off the wall, so I did. I couldn't help thinking, mind, that the passing of Sherfock Holmes had left a bit of a gap.

#### Once a Serb

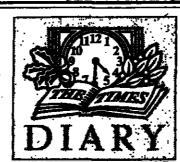
AS YET ANOTHER ceasefire in Bosnia was being negotiated last night. Crown Prince Alexander. pretender to the Yugoslavian throne and a vocal and persistent champion of a united Yugoslavia did a volte face by declaring him-self Serbian and proud of it.

From the start of the internecine conflict until now. Alexander has adopted a non-partisan approach. The crown prince, who was born in a suite in Claridges, visited his native country for the first time last year and declared: "My mission is one of peace, reconciliation and democracy embracing all the people of this country, regardless of their political beliefs."

His change of tack will shock his supporters in Croatia, Bosnia and elsewhere in the Balkans, but Alexander strongly defended it yesterday. Speaking from his Knights-bridge home, he said that the swift disintegration of the confederation had forced him to rethink his role and revert to "home territory". The Karageorgevich royal house, he says, has always been Serbian. "I think many of my friends in the community, in Croatia and other states fully under-

stand my position," he says. Understanding, however, is thin on the ground. Most Yugoslavians in London yesterday regarded the move as utterly cyncial, based on a calculation that restoration of the monarchy is more likely under Serbian domination. Many also detected the hand of Sir Tim Bell. former adviser to Margaret Thatcher and the crown prince's public

relations adviser. But Alexander denies Bell's involvement. The fact that all requests for interviews must be filed through Bell's office is, of course, entirely coincidental.



 Someone at the Foreign Office hasn't done his homework. The list of new ministerial duties announced this week shows that Douglas Hogg is in charge of relations with the Soviet Union.

#### Mail preserve

THE Institute of Economic Affairs is safely back in the hands of the Thatcherites, Russell Lewis, a leader writer on the Daily Mail, has moved in as acting general director following the departure of Graham Mather amid accusations that the think-tank had strayed from the true path and become too closely allied with John Major's new pragmatism.

Lewis began yesterday by profit-ising a sizzling attack on the size of the borrowing requirement - a subject close to Mrs Thatcher's heart. "We should not be in the position of currying favour with politicians. We agree with Hayek about not worrying about what is politically possible."

Lewis knows. however, that he is only a stop-gap. Lord Harris of High Cross and his fellow directors at the Institute plan to advertise the post next month. Mindful of their charitable status and wishing to avoid the political problems of Mather's tenure, they have already decided that the job will not go to a professional politician.

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### Order, order

SPECULATION that Mrs Thair cher might become a Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, the most esteemed order of chivalry in the land, was knocked on the head yesterday, when, rubbing salt in her wounds, Edward Heath received the hon-

Lord St John of Fawsley says: "The Order is entirely the Queen's personal choice and it is wonderful that she has singled out Ted, because he has been rather over-looked in the past". But he says Mrs Thatcher should not feel snubbed. She already has the Order of Merit and it is highly un-



usual to recieve both honours. "But wouldn't it be lovely if how that she has one honour and he has the other they could at last be

#### Square dancing

TOURISTS were bemused to find the unlikely figure of Marmaduke Hussey, chairman of the BBC, foxtrotting around Leicester Square at lunchtime yesterday with a succession of partners including Lady Limerick, a dancing bear, pearly queens and Salvo the Clown.

It was all for a good cause: the British Red Cross, to which Hussey has particular reason to feel grateful. "I was very badly wound-ed in the war," he says. "The Red Cross organised a swap of badly injured prisoners in September 1944 of whom I was one. If it hadn't been for them. I wouldn't be here today."

Hussey lost a leg as a result of his war exploits, though it appeared to have not the slightest adverse ef-tect upon his dancing ability.

But impressive as his Come Dancing stunt was, he was upstaged by the ubiquitous Jeffrey Archer, who was booked to play the spoons with Nerys Hughes. Having arrived early, he decided to muscle in on the juggling act. While seven newly elected MPs struggled to keep two balls in the air, Archer effortlessly juggled three. "I learnt to juggle when I was 13 for a Scouts competition. I came third. I had a practice beforehand, over the bed so it doesn't matter if you drop them." His spoon-playing was expert, although Archer claims to have been training for that, too. He even took professional advice: "Just knock them together, Jeffrey."

 Although friends of the Duchess of York rallied round yesterday, denying reports that she has been stripped of royal privileges and told to use the tradesman's entrance at Buckingham Palace, she is nevertheless well on the way to becoming a non-person. Her publishers are grappling with the problem of whether to remove the HRH from the dustfackets of her Budgie books, and ITN is removing her photograph from the cover of its Book of the Royal Year. The Duchess last appeared in public on March 23, and yesterday her whereabouts remained

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## TIME FOR A CUT

The 41 captains of industry who wrote to The Times this week were right. It is time to stop talking about "the end of recession" and to get on with the business of generating economic growth. The economic recovery, like Godot, is unlikely to arrive so long as businessmen, investors and consumers stand around waiting for some spectacular symbol of salvation. Instead, they must get back to their routines of managing, investing, working and shopping. But should the Treasury and the government follow the same selfdenying ordinance and stop worrying about the recession? They should not

Four times in the past 18 months, the Treasury has said that the natural cyclical forces in the economy had run their course and that recovery would follow recession. Four times the Treasury has defied economic theory and common sense by counselling the Chancellor against cuts in interest rates, cuts that had been discounted by the financial markets, were necessary for business investment, and posed no serious danger to sterling's position in the exchange-rate mechanism. Each time - before John Major's auturnn statement in November 1990, before the 1991 Budget, during the "green shoots of recovery' Tulipmania last spring, and again in the phoney pre-election campaign in September - the mandarins were wrong.

The needlessly prolonged recession may not have cost John Major the election. But it cost a million people their jobs, tens of thousands of small businessmen their livelihoods and the economy vast quantities of investment that should now be improving Britain's ability to sustain a non-inflationary recovery. All these costs are a result of Treasury misjudgment during the recession and the Lawson boom that preceded it. Mr Major has been forgiven by the electorate for the recession. Will he now forgive his officials and let the Treasury repeat its habitual

The government has had a classic opportunity to cut interest rates, capitalising on the

post-election euphoria in the financial markets and the flood of foreign money into sterling. The Treasury, through the Bank of England, has strongly resisted the speculation on lower rates. Any rate cut would inevitably be small. A half point reduction in base rates, to 10 per cent, would bring British interest rates to within a quarter of a point of Germany's, effectively the ERM floor. With so little leeway apparently available, the Treasury's reluctance to move may seem understandable, but it is wrong.

Economic recovery, as the businessmen who wrote to The Times maintained, is a psychological process. Once the recovery is firmly under way, it will accelerate of its own accord. But while the economy is still stagnant and confidence is low, the danger remains that recovery will not last. A modest cut in interest rates now would start the self-sustaining forces of recovery. But if the Treasury waits for signs that the recovery is faltering, a mere half-point cut in interest rates may no longer be enough. To make matters worse, the Treasury may discover that the opportunity for lower interest rates has vanished because of a quirk of the German money supply, a strike by German workers or a personal whim in the Bundesbank.

If this much-vaunted British "recovery" fades, as others have faded over the past year, all the pre-election doubts about ERM membership would quickly re-emerge. The Treasury's hopes of restoring order to the public finances, notably to borrowing, through economic growth would be postponed if not dashed. The government's post-election honeymoon with the financial markets would abruptly end. By being over-cautious now, the Treasury is taking yet more unnecessary risks with the economy, its own finances and the government's spending programme. The mandarins have gambled with the recession for two years and lost every time. Mr Major and his Chancellor have been given a solid vote of confidence by the country. They can surely now assert themselves.

#### LOCAL IS BEST

The prospect of another invitation to the polls will be greeted by most British voters with a groan. The district elections on May 7. campaigns for which were launched yesterday, could well see the lowest turnout for years. Voters exhausted with politics might feel the time has come for a quiet life. They might also feel that local democracy in Britain has taken such a battering over the past decade that it too can be left to rest in peace.

Time was when local councils had discretion over 60 per cent of their revenue and spending. This is now down to an average of 20 per cent and falling. Having voted back a Tory government, the public might leave it to cap, reorganise, cash-limit and legislate for local government. Why have recourse to local elections when the government no longer really believes in subsidiary tiers of democracy?

One answer is that the case for voting Tory in most local districts is a strong one. The inadequacy of Neil Kinnock's reform of the Labour party was nowhere more on display than in urban local government. It was Labour councils, notably in London and the north-west, that gave Margaret Thatcher the ammunition to clamp down on local revenue and spending. Most have improved in the past five years, but they still believe in the dream of municipal socialism with its huge payrolls and hostility to the private sector.

In presenting the Tory case yesterday the new environment secretary. Michael Howard, used the slogan "better services costing less". The evidence of councils that have come under Tory management is with him. Wandsworth, Derby, Southend compare favourably with Manchester, Lambeth, Camden, and not just because of distortions in grant support. Private tendering, local management of schools, the ending of direct labour teams, the disposal of council estates, charges for extra services are all innovative Tory policies that are anathema to most Labour councils. Ending the prejudiced selfinterest of union-dominated councils will be a first duty for the new Labour leader.

All this makes voting Tory in local government sensible. What would make it more sensible would be a sign of readiness on Mr Howard's part to turn over a new leaf in his party's local government policy. One such indicator would be a promise of greater flexibility next year for local finance committees, both on revenue and on capital account. If electors want to spend more on their services, and if the council tax ensures full accountability, let democracy speak. Other European countries do.

Indeed, by shifting the burden of general public spending more onto local taxes, the Treasury might both improve efficiency in local spending and give itself room for fiscal manoeuvre: it has been spending billions of pounds over the past two years purely to relieve high poll taxes. Nothing would do more to discipline left-wing councils than having to impose swingeing residential tax increases on their electors. If Labour does well next month, one reason is that Labour voters know they can afford to be loval without risking higher local taxes, now capped by a Tory Treasury.

The government can anyway afford to be more lateral in its thinking. Releasing local receipts from council house sales, blocked by the Treasury, would revive local construction and begin the long-term renovation or reconstruction of tower block estates. Pressing ahead with tendering and privatisation will diminish union power and help pluralise local politics. Clarifying the roles of districts and counties as "enabling" authorities rather than crudely abolishing one or other tier — should streamline local government without further eroding its democratic

The day of the big-is-beautiful local council, its size determined by its housing stock or its labour force, is over. A new relationship should be forged between local business and political leadership, both in renewing the towns and cities and in planning the countryside. This relationship cannot develop out of the present drift to centralism.

### THESE HAPPY ISLES

Where would you rather emigrate to, the old game goes. Peru or Morocco? Morocco. Peru or Burma? Peru. Burma or Angola? Burma. Angola or North Korea...and so on until by a process of elimination you discover the world's worst country. The judgment is subjective, instant and reflects half-digested notions of poverty, climate,

freedom and fun. The United Nations has now come up with its own equally unscientific table of the world's most desirable places to live. Top of the list is Canada, closely followed by Japan. Can they be serious? Canada, where it is freezing cold all winter, the neighbours consist mainly of moose, foreigners think you are American, and no one will talk to you if you have not mastered French irregular verbs? Or Japan. where close-proximity commuting, bowing, television game shows and singing the company song make daily life something of an endurance test?

The two scored highly in this year's "human development report" of the UN Development Programme because the average citizen is not only rich, but also healthy. well educated and has a decent life expectancy Next on the list come Norway. Switzerland, Sweden, the United States, Australia. France. The Netherlands and, in

tenth for the first time, Britain. The report is only the third of its kind, and is the result of the energetic new style brought to the agency by William H. Draper III. A friend of George Bush, he thought, with admirable catholicity, that statistics of gross domestic product were too dry to calculate the sum of human happiness. Mr Draper recognises, however, that even the "human development index" says little about the quality of life.

Other tables attempt to quantify a myriad of life's variables: human distress, as measured by homelessness, drug addiction. homicide and road accidents; sexual equality, unemployment, urban crowding, sanitation and virtually everything except landscape, architecture and weather. The report promises that as soon as freedom can be properly measured, it will be included.

The statistics contain much to brag about or gloss over. Britain, for example, has the most readily available contraception in the world, with a prevalence of 83 per cent (of. what?) compared to a joyless 1 per cent in Niger, Guinea and Chad. More than twice as many book titles are published in Iceland per head than anywhere else - an astonishing one new book for every two people, suggesting that sagas still dominate the long winter nights.

The human development index seems to find life generally more agreeable on islands. especially ones that are small and sparsely populated. Iceiand. Cyprus, Trinidad, the Bahamas, Hong Kong. Malta and Singapore are all in the top 40, and Barbados even beats Italy. Africa is still benighted, however. with Guinea offering the grimmest standard of living in the world. As a statistical exercise this is interesting; as a "scientifically" aggregated index it is famous. As all those playing the old game know, Britain in the end always comes out best - at least for the British.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Court conflict over Good and bad marks for teachers scientific evidence

From the Director of the Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory

Sir, Nigel Hawkes's review (Life & Times, April 17) of BBC2's Taking Liberties made a valuable point "that convictions made on the basis of scientific findings cannot be secure unless both prosecution and defence have access to the same science".

All of the scientific evidence held by the prosecution must, by law, be given to the defence. This does not apply in the other direction and defence lawyers have no obligation to tell the prosecution about evidence in their possession unless it will be used

The defendant's historic right of silence has now been extended to a point where public funds are used routinely to pay defence scientists to examine exhibits but where the defence team simply files the results away if they are inconvenient. The jury never hears about them.

However, and this is where Nigel Hawker's comment is important, scientists called by the prosecution are then expected to help the court by providing an expert opinion in circumstances where only part of the admissible evidence has been revealed to them and to the court. This is against the traditions of science. It irks many expert witnesses that the methods of science and the procedures of criminal law in England are in such conflict.

Is this particular extension of the right of silence important to truth and justice? Is it fundamental or is it just a procedural interpretation? Should both prosecution and defence have access to the same science, as Nigel Hawkes says? Should all the expert evidence be brought before the court? What should the guidelines be for using public funds?

Yours faithfully BRIAN SHEARD. Director, Metropolitan Police Forensic Science Laboratory, 109 Lambeth Road, SE1.

#### Women in the wings From Ms Janet Salmon

Sir, For the Tory party and its nice leader, John Major, it is now back to business as usual. However, apart from the two new cabinet ministers, Mrs Bottomley and Mrs Shephard, only five other women managed to slip through the net in the more than 90 positions of government.

The business leaders who waxed eloquently during the campaign on behalf of their chosen party, using company time and resources, now go back to their companies, where only a tiny percentage of directors are

If Britis to open the doors to politics and business most of us will be drawing our pensions. It is time Britain had a Parliament, judiciary and business leadership which reflected the fact that women are a majority in this country, and that our concerns are not restricted to creches and the elderly. We should demand to be heard.

JANET SALMON. 20 Amherst Road, Ealing, W13. April 15.

#### Labour changes

From Mr Russell Burlingham

Sir, On the question of appropriate names for our political parties (Dr Dorrell's letter, April 14) this member of the Reform Chib thinks, and has thought since 1979, that it is the Conservative party that should change its name to "The Reform party". This would allow the Labour party to salve its wounds and attempt to improve its prospects by soldiering on as "The Conservative party".

Yours sincerely, RUSSELL BURLINGHAM, Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1. April 15.

#### 1642 and all that

Sir, As we believe that the troublous times in Cambridge and Huntingdon, reported in your supplement on the late Civil War (April 11), are now safely past, we feel free to forward to you the following letter. It seems likely that the late Dr John Barwick, an ardent royalist formerly resident in this city, drafted it as a letter for possible publication in your columns. We hope that it is not now too

From Mr and Mrs Laurence Fowler

Sir. In your newes paper. War Times (December 27, 1642), you write of our silver captured by the traitor Oliver Cromwell ("Cambridge MP hijacks college silver convoy"). The intelligence is in some part an idle rumour for I knowe that much colledg silver was indeed brought to his Majesty.
I tell you that although Cromwell was

appriz'd of our Design by some Townsmen here, he and his disorderly Band of

Peasants on Foot lay in wait in Lawler Heights, betwixt Cambridge and Hunt-ingdon. But I and some other select Persons of the Universitie, to whose Care and Prudence the Management of this important Affair was committed, having got Intelligence of Cromwell's Way-laying them, sent away the Royal Supply through By-Roads, convoy'd by a small Party of I am. Sir.

Your most obedient servant, JOHN BARWICK, St John's College, Cambridge. December 30, 1642.

Further details of this affair may be found in Cambridge Commemorated (Cambridge University Press). We are, Sir, your most obedient servants.

LAURENCE FOWLER. HELEN FOWLER. 2 Swaynes Lane, Combenon, Cambridge.

#### capital offences

from mr john rowe townsend

sir, going off at a tangent from spelling reform (letters, april 18) and superfluous punctuation (april 6, 10, 20), may i suggest that we have a totally pointless practice in the use of the capital letter?

you, sir, are not having the slight-est difficulty in reading this, you would still have no difficulty if it were a list of names and places, e.g., slough, shaw, shakespeare, king lear,

prince charles, princes risborough. abandoning capitals would not deprive us of our etymological heritage.

moreover, it would simplify the keyboards on which so many of us keep accidentally getTING INTO CAPS LOCK WITH LUDIcrous results. i urge you to set an example. yours sincerely,

john rowe townsend, 72 water lane, histon, cambridge.

#### support role. The main purpose of appraisal is to identify and scrutinise

the teacher's results.

MICHAEL CROUCH

consultant, Melbourne),

(Educational management

c/o 19 Bradborn Street, SW6.

From Councillor K. R. Mitchell

Sir, Teachers enjoy an incremental

system of payment. This means every

new teacher knows that, for the first

ten years of employment, he/she can

look forward to an automatic, an-

nual increase in pay as well as an annual increase for inflation. This

applies to every teacher, whether

good or bad, hard-working or in-

dolent, talented or mediocre. This

year's "inflation increase" averaged

7.5 per cent, against a general in-

crease in prices of around 4 per cent.
All teachers are paid on the same

scale regardless of short-supply or

over-supply. We therefore assume

that teachers specialising in mathe-

matics, swimming, geography or environmental studies have an ex-

If any private-sector employer was

saddled with a remuneration strait-

iacket of this kind, it would soon go

out of the country or out of business

Our schools do not enjoy that oppor-

tunity. Grant-maintained schools

are pinioned within exactly the same

straitjacket.
Mr John Patten's undertaking to

be tougher than the previous edu-

cation secretary leads me to hope

that he has reform of this nonsensical

and unfair system high on his political agenda. Given the recent

conference performance of the National Union of Teachers, he would

the protection of A-level standards,

the stricter control of non-examin-

able methods of assessment, the em-

phasis on the basics of reading and

arithmetic in primary schools, and

the blending of the national curricu-lum and GCSE are hardly the stuff of

"political factionalism". Indeed if

truth is at risk, as it well may be, no

matter whether from ignorance or the fashionable theories of educa-

tional orthodoxy, the government's

initiative may be seen as an 11th-

hour attempt at resuscitation.

New Barn, Church Farm Barns,

partments - which were always

substantial - were sometimes tire-

Occasionally a little sensible tidy-

ing-up took place. So, in the mid-

19th century all the Egyptian papyri

in the hieratic and demotic scripts

were transferred from Manuscripts

to Antiquities (which then included

Egyptian antiquities). Greek, Latin

and Coptic papyri were left in

Coptic texts, which subsequently

formed part of the holdings of the Department of Oriental Manu-

scripts and Printed Books, presented

a special problem, although they

continued to be studied and pub-

lished by the Egyptologists of the

later departments of Egyptian and Assyrian Antiquities and then Egyp-tian Antiquities. As for the Greek

and Latin papyri, there were always

(in those happy days) enough classi-cal scholars in Manuscripts who

could as readily deal with the ancient

texts on papyri as they could with the texts of medieval charters.

When the library departments were included in the British Library.

I do not think that any consideration

was given to the transfer of Greek and Latin papyri to the Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities in

the British Museum. In the sub-

sequent development of the sepa-

rated institutions, while the con-

ly inconsequential

Rushden, Northamptonshire.

MICHAEL TATHAM,

Newton Bromswold,

Yours faithfully,

Manuscripts.

seem to have little to lose.

Yours sincerely, KEITH R. MITCHELL,

Adderbury, Oxfordshire.

Nell Bridge House,

actly equal value.

Yours etc.

From Mr Michael Crouch

Sir, Your leading article, "Power and protest" (April 21), identifies the teachers as "arguing selfishly". Let us hope that the decision of the National Union of Teachers not to boycott plans for career appraisal is seen as a foundation for further constructive dialogue, rather than just as a victory for the government.

It is worth noting that for any appraisal scheme to work effectively. there are at least two fundamentals. separate from the raw industrial issues of power. These are:

1. The teachers' active co-operation is essential; otherwise any scheme will either founder under the weight of its own paperwork, or become vet another nominal incremental barrier (as is the case in many Australian

2. It follows that an individual teacher's results must be seen in terms of improving the teacher's performance, either by recognition of a job well done, or through providing reinforcement/improvement in areas of weakness. If the latter fails, then that individual should probably not be allowed to

continue teaching.

Having obtained such an overall assessment — based on quantifiable standards worked out by both parties it is then appropriate to match this to the appropriate salary scales and increments. This two-stage approach has worked well for many years, in both commerce and in those Australian schools so enlightened.

Appraisal should not be directed primarily at determining a consequent salary level, or be based in the main on another colleague's judg-ment (however well intentioned and experienced).

Moreover, any suggestion that appraisal be based in the main on classroom observation is itself a "red herring", except in a training/

#### **Education standards** From Mr Michael Tatham

Sir. Fr Dominic Milroy's letter on educational standards (April 11) fails to address the extent to which classroom teachers, college lecturers, educational advisers and inspectors have seen their task in quasi-political terms — as midwives to a classiess and egalitarian society. Thus, without the direct intervention of political theory there has been, to use Fr Milroy's words, "excessive politicisation of educational goals and methods".

It is this long-term imbalance which the government has belatedly set out to remedy. Such things as the publication of examination results,

#### **British Museum split**

From Mr T. G. H. James, FBA Sir, The correspondence concerning the apparent abuse of the Shaw bequest by the British Museum (letters, April 18) has been widened to include other matters of difficulty which attended the removal of the library departments from the mu-

It is too late to hope that what has happened since the separation can now be reversed. What is important, however, is that the anomalies of holdings should not be considered with resentment, but as offering the possibility of future co-operation. Sniping at one or other of the two institutions should be turned into efforts to ensure that the best aspects of the long union of library and museum should continue for the future by active and generous arrangements for mutual access to

holdings. For more than 200 years the British Museum remained a unique and remarkable combination of departments encompassing the whole of human knowledge and the world's material cultures. Only paintings and certain categories of what are sometimes termed the decorative arts. were not generally represented in the Bloomsbury holdings. Within the museum overlappings between de-

> BDs in EL From the Chairman of the Prayer Book Society

Sir, Mrs Mostyn-Owen (letter, April 20) reminds us of RAs (redundant

bearing the signatures of members of the Convocations, is attached to the Act of Uniformity of 1662. Here are 544 folio pages, all in one handwrit-ing (with the exception of a very few "last minute" alterations) and repre-

apostrophes) and the missing apostrophe (MA) among the all too many BDs (bizarre developments) in the EL (English language). Perhaps the BCP (Book of Common Prayer) might help.

The most authentic Prayer Book,

The possessive apostrophe is not once used and "Gods mercy", "St Peters Day" and other examples are perfect examples of Mrs Mostyn-Owen's MA. When it comes to the alterations (by another hand) only then is the bidding to pray for "the whole state of Christ's Church". Only there, and in the consequential alteration of a subsequent rubric, is a possessive apostrophe to be found.

#### Never too young From Mr J. S. W. Gibson

Sir, Nothing new in American toddlers being called "kindergarten stu-dents" ("Born to go shopping", April 17). In Victorian census returns (1841-91), children even under the age of one were regularly described as "scholar".

JEREMY GIBSON. Harts Cottage. Church Hanborough, Witney, Oxfordshire.

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#### Whose control of listed buildings?

From the Chairman of the Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies

Sir. The allocation of responsibilities to be covered by the new Department of National Heritage raises thorny questions which are a matter of grave concern to this committee, comprised of the Society for the Protec-tion of Ancient Buildings, the Ancient Monuments Society, the Georgian Group, the Victorian Society, the Civic Trust and the Council for British Archaeology, as well as to others who attend our meetings, such as the Association of Conservation Officers. It deserves the most careful consideration - but under-standably the new Secretary of

State's remit has to be settled fast. English Heritage and all its interesis and duties are to become Mr David Mellor's responsibility, and it would be ridiculous were it not so. But should his remit include the supervision of listed building control and appeals thereon, as these are often related to planning, which will remain a Department of the

Environment responsibility? The full implications are only now being appreciated. There should be time for consultation, to ensure a sensible decision.

Yours sincerely etc., JEREMY BENSON, Chairman, Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies, St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe. Queen Victoria Street, EC4.

#### **English invaders**

From Dr Gareth Rees

Sir, Gillian Tindall (Life & Times, April 18) says that the English invaders of France tend to destroy by their very presence what they have come to seek. She asks what those who are insular and uninterested in France are doing there. Her sentiments have even greater relevance to rural Wales, where colonisation is infinitely more advanced.

M Le Gallou, the Le Pen appendage who apparently believes that the English are slowly rebuilding the Plantagenet empire, may or may not have been influenced by what has befallen les Gallois; but not in his worst dreams could he envisage our fate — the destruction of the national language.

Yours faithfully, GARETH REES, Gwar Y Geulan, Llanafan, Dyfed.

tinuing care of these papyri has not been neglected in the British Library, in the British Museum would greatly have enriched the interpretative functions of the Greek and Roman Department, where epigraphy, the study of ancient inscriptions, re-

mains a proper field of research. There were many tiresome and absurd results of this kind following the removal of the library departments from the British Museum. It happened against the wishes of the museum's trustees, and with the general opposition of the staff on both sides, who fully understood the mutual advantages of having a great library and a great museum within a single institution.

Since the separation, the staffs of library and museum have often continued to work closely in matters of day-to-day business and in the production of joint exhibitions. Such co-operation has been made easy by the continuing existence of most of both institutions in the one Bloomsbury building. Sadly it cannot be expected that this happy liaison will survive the move of the library to St Pancras.

Yours faithfully, T. G. H. JAMES (Keeper of Egyptian Antiquities, British Museum, 1974-38), 14 Turner Close, NW11.

senting a fine piece of calligraphy by some unknown hand.

Yours faithfully.

C. A. A. KILMISTER, Chairman. The Prayer Book Society, \$1 James Garlickhythe, Garlick Hill, EC4.

#### Feeding time

Yours faithfully,

From Mr Richard A. Roberts-Miller

Sir, Your science editor reports ("Rogue giant panda turns serial sheep killer". April 18) that only in the 1980s was it discovered that pandas eat meat. As a student in the early 1960s I took a holiday job of which the high point was making a delivery of roast chicken to the giant panda at London Zoo. "Chicken and bamboo shoots" was popular with Ailurus fulgens even then.

Yours faithfully, R. A. ROBERTS-MILLER, April Cottage, Fredley Park. Mickleham, nr Dorking, Surrey.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

The Princess Royal afterwards

recommissioned TS Royalist at

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the British Steel Challenge, this evening amended a dinner at

Botley Park Hotel, Boorley Green,

Area, Women's Royal Voluntary

Service, this morning visited the Offices at 234/244, Stockwell

Road, London SW9. Mrs Michael Wigley was in

April 23: The Duchess of Kent, as

a Trustee, this afternoon attended

a meeting of the Jacqueline du Pre Memorial Fund, Ogle Street,

Princess Alexandra and the Hon

Sir Angus Ogilvy celebrate the twenty-ninth anniversary of their

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

KENSINGTON PALACE April 23: The Duchess of Gloucester, President, London

Mrs William Nunneley was in

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 23: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, the Royal Windsor Horse Show, this evening attended a dinner to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Show and the Chairmanship of Mr Geoffrey Cross, at the Waterside Inn, Bray, Berkshire

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** today visited Hamoshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant Colonel Sir James

Her Royal Highness, Com-mandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, opened the new Headquarters at

The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux, visited the Bu-reau in Alton in celebration of their fiftieth anniversary and opened the new Bureau at

Her Royal Highness opened Marwell Zoological Park, Colden Common, Winchester.

Birthdays

today

## Dinners

Sir Bernard Audley, founder, AGB Research, 68; Mr Ralph Brown, sculptor, 64; Field Marshal Lord Carver, 77; Sir Bernard Caulfield, former High Court judge, 78; Mr J.E.H. Collins, chairman, Guardian Exchange Assurance Group, 69; Sir Gordon Cox, chemist, 86; Mr Justice Cresswell, former Chairman of the Bar. 48: the Earl of Eldon, 55; Sir Clement Freud, former MP and writer, 68: Dame Helen Gardiner, former

chief clerk, Private Secretary's Office, Buckingham Palace, 91: Chief Constables' Club
Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable
of Sussex, presided at the annual
dinner of the Chief Constables' Mr John Harvey, former MP, 72; Mr Richard Jarman, managing director, Scottish Opera, 43; Ad-miral Sir Rae McKaig, 70; Miss Shirley Maclaine, actress, 58: Sir Hugh Park, former High Court

Bowvers' Company footballer, 30; Mr Joseph Rank, honorary president, Ranks Hovis McDougall, 74; Miss Bridger Riley, artist, 61; Miss Barbra eisand, singer and actress, 50: Townend, founder, Hill House International Junior School, 83; Mr John Williams, guitarist, 51.

#### Receptions unity Service Volunteers

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a reception held yes terday at the Foreign and Commpnwealth Office to mark inniversary of CSV. Si Archibald Forster was host.

British-American-Canadian

The American Ambassador and Mrs Seitz were hosts last night at a Reception held at Winfield House in honour of British-American-Canadian Associates. The guests were received by Ambassador and Mrs Seitz, Earl British-American-Canadian Associates, and Professor David Adams, Chairman,

## **Environmental Cleaners**

marriage today.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies, was the Cleaners' Company held last night at Stationers' Hall. Mrs Inez Butler, Master, presided, assisted by Mr John Howard, Senior Warden, and Mr Alan Raven, Junior Warden. The Master of the Stationers' Company and the Master of the Bakers' Company were among others

Club held last night at Guildhall. Earl Ferrers, Minister of State at

The Bowyers' Company held a dinner last night at Tallow Chan-diers' Hall. Mr Alderman Roger Cork, Master, presided and received the guests with Mr Christopher Ballenden, Upper Warden, and Mr James James-Crook, Renter Warden, Mr Samuel Jones and Mr Peter Begent

#### Today's royal engagements

Princess Royal, as Patron of the British Steel Challenge, will take part in the first official sail of the fleet from Ocean Village. Southampton, at 9.45; and, as Patron of Minchinhampton Centre for the elderly, will ariend a dinner on board SS Great Britain, Bristol, at 7.10. The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of

the Kathleen Ferrier Memorial Scholarships competition, will at-tend the final at St John's Smith Square at 6.25.

#### Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr John Boyd to be Ambassador to Japan, from July, in succession to Sir John Whitehead, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic



Two members of the Legion of Frontiersmen of the Commonwealth inspecting wreaths laid at the Cenotaph in Whitehall to celebrate St George's Day

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William the Silent Prince of Orange, Nassau, 1533; Edmund Cartwright, pioneer of the power loom, Marnham, Not-ninghamshire, 1743; Anthony Trollope, novelist, London, 1815; Hugh Dowding, 1st Lord Dowding, AOC-in-C Fighter Command 1936-40, Moffat, Scotland, 1882; Sir Stafford Cripps, statesman, London,

DEATHS: Jacopo Sannazaro, poet. Naples, 1530: Marie Taglioni, ballerina. Marseilles, 1884: Justin McCarthy, novelist and historian, Folkestone, 1912: willa Cather, novelist, New York, 1947; Gerhard Domagk, bacteri-ologist, Nobel laureage 1939, Burgberg, Germany, 1964; the Duchess of Windsor, Paris, 1986; Bill Edrich, cricketer, 1986. The Easter rebellion in Dublin, ending on the 29th, 1916.

#### Memorial service

Lord Evans of Claughton The Lord Lieutenant of Mersey-side was represented by Mr G. Ashby Collins, who gave an address, at a memorial service for Lord Evans of Claughton held yesterday at St Saviour's, Bidston Road, Oxton, Wirral. The Rev Alan J. Poulter officiated, read the lesson and read from Agastiz by Russell Lowell. The Hon Jane Evans, daughter read from the works of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Lord Tordoff, Chief Whip of the Liberal Democrats, House of Lords, also gave an address.

## Church news

Langley, Mackworth and Markeston w Mugginton and Kediston (Derby). The Rev Nigel Kelly, Team Vicar. Central Tellord Team Ministry (Lich-field): to be Chaplain. Royal Navy. The Rev Brian Kyrlacou, Incumbent. St. James's and St. Christopher, Shiregreen Shelfield: to be Team Vicar in the Schome Team Ministry (Oxford). The Rev Alian Lacey, Rector, Trecton, St. Helen: to be Vicar, Thorpe Hesley, Holy Trinity (Sheffield). The Rev Alian Lacey, Rector, Trecton, St. Helen: to be Vicar, Thorpe Hesley, Holy Trinity (Sheffield). The Rev James Leverton, Team Rector, Worcester: to be Vicar, Riddings and irowille (Derby). The Rev Dr Peter Marr, Curate, Beverley Minster (Fortic to be Priest-In-charge, St. Barnabat, Beckenbam (Rochester). The Rev Tony Mainy, Vicar, Basildon, St. Andrew w Holy Cross: to be Priest-In-charge, St. Sandon and East Hanningfield (Cheimsfort). The Rev Diane Mawbey, Parish Deacon, St. John the Divine. Mension: to be Parish Deacon. Holy Trinity.

Charlton Musgrove w Cascillagion and Stair Tister in he also Rural Affah Chaplain for the Wells Archdescong Bath and Wells.

The Rev Tom Thorp. Team Vicas. Schorne Team Ministry: to be Team Rector, Schorne Team Ministry

Deacon, Worcester, St John and Di-ocesan Director of Ordinands (Worces-ter): 10 be full-time Parish Deacon, Worcester, St John.

Resignations and retirements
The Rev John Barff, Vicar, Pilining w
Compton Greenfield (Bristol): to resign.
The Rev Preb Reuneth Davia, Vicar,
wells St Cuthbert w Wookey Hole, and
Prebendary of Holcombe (Bath and
wells): to retire as from 31 August.
The Rev Trevor Farmiloe to resign as
Roral Affairs Chaplain for the Wells
Archdeaconay, and as ACORA Link
Officer for the discore of Bath and
wells. He communes as Rector. Norton
st Philip w Henington and Hardington
and Lavetton. The Rev Canno John Pavell, Diocean
Chaplain to the Deaf (Peterborough): to
retire as from 31 July, and be
appointed Canno Emerius of Peneborough Cathedral.

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.L.G. Barker

ADRIAN BROOKS

and Miss C.H. Harrison The engagement is announced between Gregory, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Barker, of Fulking, West Sussex, and Celeste, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Harrison, of Odell,

Mr R. Camy and Miss J. Vanbergen The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr and Mrs J. Canty, of Godalming, Surrey, and Jenny, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Vanbergen, of

Mr C.A. Creagh-Cock The engagement is announced younger son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Creagh-Coen, of Glebe House, Ashley, Suffolk, and Caroline Crosshwaite-Eyre, of Warrens, Bramshaw, Hamp-shire, daughter of Mr A.F.J. Crosthwaite-Eyre and Mrs

and Miss H. Swanston The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Donougher, of likley, West Yorkshire, and Heather, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roy Swanston, of Gustard Wood, Hernfordshire.

Mr J.R. Drew and Miss D.R. Hardyman The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs B.M. Drew, of Rayne, Essex, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs N.T. Hardyman, of

and Miss M.A. Mosse The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Nottinghamshire, and Melanie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eelco

Dr A.E. Everett and Miss P.S. Gadd The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Michael Everett and of Margaret

Everen, of Maseru, and Priscilla, daughter of the late Monty Gadd, of Middleburg, and of Marion Gadd, of Grahamstown. and Miss H.S. Shaw The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Roy Fawcett, of Gainsborough, and Hatty, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Shaw, of Wandsworth.

#### Miss Elizabeth Gibbins

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Miss Betty Gibbins will be held at 11.45am on Sunday, May 3, in Calne Parish Church. This will be followed by light refresh-ments at St Mary's School. Would ments at ST Mary's School. Would Old Girls hoping to attend please let the school office know (tel: 0249 815899; fax: 0249 822432). The retiring collection will go towards establishing a Bursary Fund to be set up in memory of Miss Gibbins.

#### Queenswood School

The Summer Term at Queenswood begins on Sunday, April 26, and ends on Saturday, July 4. Open Day/Sports Day is on Saturday, June 20. The Annual General Meeting of the Old Queenswoodians Association will the held at Queenswood on Sat-urday, May 9, at 2.00pm. For full details see the Spring Newsletter or contact the OQA Secretary.

#### Mr R.K. Graham and Miss V.Y.-H. Cheng The engagement is announced between Keith, eldest son of the late Mr Richard Graham and Mrs Alexander Cairns.

Waltham-on-the-Wolds. and Veronica Yao-Hwa, only daughter of Professor and Mrs Bin Cheng, of London. Mr C.C. Harris and Miss E.L. Vanhegan

The engagement is announced between Craig, edder son of Mr and Mrs K.C. Harris, of Herefordshire, and Emma. younger daughter of Dr and Mrs R.I. Vanhegan, of Oxfordshire. Mr E.C. Humbert and Miss S.M. Knight

The engagement is announced between Edward Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Humbert, of Suzanne Michelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Knight, of

Mr P.H. Hunter and Miss F.K. Osborne The engagement is announced between Paul, youngest son of Surgeon Rear Admiral and Mrs J. Hunter. of Newton Ferrers. South Devon, and Fenella, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Osborne, of Mannings Heath, West Sussex.

Mr S.J.M. Lyou and Miss F.R. Nicholson

The engagement is announced between Sebastian, son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Lyon, of High Enton, mear Godalming, Surrey, and Flora, eder daughter of the late Mr Archie Nicholson and of Mrs Archie Nicholson, of Seaborough,

Mr G.P. McAniffe and Miss K.J. Samuel

The engagement is announced between Gerald, son of Mr and Mrs J. McAuliffe, of Islington, London, and Katharine, daughter of Mr John Samuel and the late Mrs Patricia Samuel, of Highgate, London. Mr J.M. McDoneall

and Miss H.J.S. Ryder The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs Henry McDougali, of Sustead, Norfolk, and Helen. daughter of Dr and Mrs Dennis Ryder, of Chester,

Captain C.J. Morley bd Miss S.G. Wood

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.G.B. Morley, and Sophie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Noel Wood, both of Guildford, Surrey.

#### Wellingborough School

The Trinity Term at Wellingborough School began this week and ends on July 3. The Combined Cadet Force will be in-specied by Air Commodore C.C. Colville on May 6. The First XI will play the MCC on June 26. burian Summer Day is on Sat-urday, June 27. Performances of Romeo and Juliet will be given on Speech Day, with HM Lord Lieutenant of Northamptonshire as the Principal Guest, is on July

#### Service dinner

Air Training Corps Air Commodore R.P. Skelley, Air Officer Commanding Air Cadets, presided at the annual dinner of the Air Training Corps held last night at RAF Newton. Air Vice-Marshal J.F. Willis, Director General Training (RAF), was the principal guest.

#### and Miss L.A. Rowan Hamilton The engagement is announced between Miles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Nelson. of Rosebery House. Temple. Midlothian, and Louisa, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel

and Mrs Denys Rowan Hamilton, of Killyleagh Castle. Co Down.

Mr M.L. Puddington and Miss J.C. Holmes The engagement is announced

between Jenniler Claire, daughter of Dr and Mrs R. Holmes. of Hale, Cheshire, and Michael Lincoln, younger son of Mr Philip Puddington, of Lexington, Kentucky, and Mrs Elizabeth Puddington, of Wilton, New Hampshire, USA.

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Mr I.W. Ramsay-Rae

and Miss J.E. York The engagement is announced between Ian Wallace, son of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs R.A. Ramsay-Rae, of Fittleworth, West Sussex, and Julie Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.R. York, of East Grinstead, West

Mr J. Sharpe and Miss C.J. Howard The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Surgeon Captain (D) and Mrs G.D. Sharpe, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, and Charlone. Hampshire and Charlone. daughter of the late Mr William Mclaren Howard, QC, and of Mrs Howard, of Holkham.

Mr N. Taylor and Miss S.M. Jowitt

The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of the late Mr Kenneth Taylor and of Mrs Nina Taylor, of Kingsbridge, Devon, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Jowitt. of Fulwood, Sheffield.

Mr D.G. Webb and Miss S.J. Mallett

The engagement is announced between Gary, only son of Mr A. Webb. of Wokingham. Berkshire, and Mrs E. Webb. of Mapledurham, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Mallett, of Terrington St. Cleman, Nordshire. St Clement, Norfolk,

Mr R.P. Whait

and Miss L.G. Stevenson The engagement is announced between Roger Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs W.V. Whait, of Wiltshire, and Lesley Grace, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.R. Stevenson, of Balerno, Edinburgh.

#### Luncheons

National Sporting Club Mr John Francome and Mr Peter speakers at a National Sporting Club luncheon held yesterday at the Cafe Royal for the Steve Smith-Eccles Benefit Fund. Mr Bob Willis, chairman, presided.

Private Patients Plan The Annual General Meeting and annual luncheon to announce the end of year results of care provider PPP, was held at the Institute of Directors yesterday. Sir Peter Gadsden, GBE, AC. Chairman PPP, was host at the

#### 33rd Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank

Regiment RA
Lieutenant-Colonel Alan Hall presided at the annual regimental luncheon of the 33rd Anti-Aircraft/Anti-Tank Regiment RA

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#### Service luncheon

held yesterday at the Army and Navy Club.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Telefax 071 782 7827

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ADLER - On April 21st, to Bridget thee Rogerst and Peter, a daughter, Camilla Mary, a sister for Edward and william. BAKER - On April 20th, at St. Pauls. Chellenham, to Josephine (nee Smith) and David, a daughter, Chelsea. (ARDROSS - On April 22nd to Charlotte inée Beaumont and Harry, a son, Frederick a brother for Alexander CHAMBERLAIN - On April 22nd. lo Cecilia Inee Lawi and James. a son. Jasper Edward a brother for

Edward a brother for Natasha.

DAVIES - On April 22nd 1992. in London. to Linda ince Wongi and Dax id, a son, a brother for Alissa.

DIXON - On April 18th, to Joanne inée Walli and Anthony. a son. Stephen Collin, a brother for Rachei and Christopher.

DOWI SV - On April 22nd DOWLEY - On April 22nd 1992, to Emma one Lampard) and Justin, a son

DRAKE - On April 11th 1992. at PAMW Treliske Hospital. Truro, to Deborah (née Mead: and Mark, a daughter GILLESPIE - On April 15th. to Marian and Andrew, a son. Dominic Rome, brother to Theodore and Marcus.

MARRIS - On Good Friday April 17th. to Gill (nee Hornby) and Robett. a son. Charles Robert Nicholas, a brother for Holly. HUNT - On April 10th, to

Queen Mary's Hospital. Rochampton, to Juliet (nee MacKenzie) and Richard. a son, Henry Charles. a brother for Charlotte and

O'DRISCOLL On April 18th, to Geraldine (née Paddon) and John a daughter Hannah Felicity, a sister for Lucy. POWELL - On April 21st. to Davina and Nicholas. a ROBERTS - See Zettio SEKIGUCHI - On March 31st. at the Humana Hospital Wellington to Naoyuri and Naomi, a daughter, Haruka. SHELDRICK - On April 21st.

all Lister Hospital, to Deborah ince Tainshi and Simon. a son. Edward James Day.

BIRTHS STANLEY - On April 21st, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Rep and Abble, a son, Reg Chika Jr. VASSIE - On April 22nd, lo Janice 'nee Dallon' and Craiq, a son. Oliver. a brother for James. Graieful thanks to staff at Wycombe General Hospital.

VINER BOYARSKY - On April 18th, to Nick and Victoria, a son, Samuel. WALL - On April 21st, at The

WILLIAMS - On April 21st 1992 in Hong Kong, to Sarah (née Christier and Nigel, a daughter, Caroline Susan, a sister for Jonathan.

ZEITLIN - On April 16th, at Freedom Fields Hospital, Plymouth, io Susan Zeillin and Antony Roberts, the gift of a daughter, Anya Caraline Rachel, a sister for Christian

DEATHS

8UDD - On April 22nd, peacefully al Frinton-on-Sea, Mary, widow of J.C. Budd, aged 81 years. Funeral Service on Wednesday April 29th at Pipewell, Northampionshire at 3 pm. Thanksgiving Service to be held at Frinton-on-Sea Old Parish Church at a laior date. All enquiries to P.G. Oziey Lid., 47 High Street, Watton-on-the-Naze, Essex, tel: (0255) 676549,

BURTON McCORMICK - On April 21st 1992, serenciy and without pain, Marry Josephine (Jory) McCormick, of Roquebrune Cap Martin, France, wife for forty years of Christopher John Burton idled April 7th 1967; and for four years of Edward Hamilton McCornick idled September 16th 1983, devoted mother and mother-in-law of Anthony and Juita Burton and grendmother of Alexandra and Katharine. Ammy to the many other grandchildren of Doctor and Mrs P.J. O'Brien of Middelon, Co. Cork, and stepmother of Anthony and David McCormick. Funeral 10 am Tuesday April 28th 1992 at the Church of St Martin du Cap. Roquebrune Cap Martin, Flowers from C. Magne inferifora ref: 21891. Memorial Service in London to be announced later. BURTON McCORMICK - On

DEATHS

BURTT - On April 21st 1992. at home. Arnold Wigham Buril M.Sc. F.R.S.C. aged 91 years. Formerly of Singapore and Penang. Loving husband of the late Altice and of the late Winifred. Funeral Service at Brant Broughton Meeting House at 11.15 am on Tuesday April 28th. No flowers please but donations if desired to The Treasurer.

CARPENTER - On April 22nd. peacefully after a short illness. George Frederick, aged 74 Funeral Service to be held at Hatfleld Parish Church. Wednesday April 29th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, dignations if desired to

CLARKE - On Monday April 20th. Suddenly at home. Francis Leon. much loved husband. (alher, grandfather and friend. Funeral at St. Michael and All Angels Church. Lonsdale Road. Oxford. on Tuesday April 28th at 12 noon. No flowers but if desired donations to The Oxfordshire Family Conciliation Service. North Wing. East Oxford Health Centre. Cowley Road. Oxford or St John's Home. St Mary's Rd. Oxford OX4 1QE.

ELLIS - On April 22nd 1992, at his home in Barningham. Suffolk, Emeritus Professor Alan John, aged 51 years, formerty Pro-Vice formerly Pro-Vice Chancellor and Professor of Mathematics at the University of Hong Kong and also of University College Swansea Dearly beloved husband of Jennifer and Swansea Dearty beloved husband of Jennifer and darling daddy of David. With great courage and dignity after a year's fight against cancer. Funeral Service at Si Andrew's Parish Church. Barningham. nr. Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. on Tuesday April 28th 1992 at 2 pm. Flowers or donastons to the Marie Curie Cancer Caremay be sent to A.E. Thurlow & Son. 1 High Street. Ixworth, Bury St Edmunds.

HALE - On April 18th 1992.
Joan Cathleen of Esher.
Surrey, much loved wife of
the late Roy Hate. Requiren
Mass Thursday April 30th at
the Church of the Holy
Name, Arbrook Lane, Esher.
at 1pm. Funeral private, no
flowers by her request, but
please plant a poace rose in
your or your friends garden
in her memory

DEATHS

Kenyon, tel: 10711 937-0767

LAMONID - On April 22nd.
peacefully at the Hospice of
Our Lady and St John,
Milton Keynes, Doreen mee
Claret. Beloved wife of
Duncan. loving mother of
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Wednesday April 29th
11.50am. Family flowers
only but donations. If
desired. to the hospice.
LEE STEERE - On April 21st desired. to the hospice.

LEE STEERE - On April 21st 1992. Patience Hargreaves Lee Steere, aged 77. widow of Châries Lee Steere killed in action 1940, much loved mother of Gordon, grandmother of Henricita, Lucinda, Marina and James and sister of Joan Prideaux, Funeral SI Margarets. Ockley. Monday April 27th al 3 pm.

MEXBORGUIGH - On April 21st. peacefully at the Purey

21st peacefully at the Purey Cust Nursing Home. York. Josephine Dowager Countess of Mexborough, beloved wife of the late Earl of of the late Earl of Mexborough and dearly loved mother of John. Tony and the late Anne Allamby. Puncial private al Hawnby. No flowers but donations if Hawnby, York.

MITCHELL - On April 22nd
1992. after a long liness.
Desmond Thomas, formerly
of Thames Dillon and
Peaslake. Enquiries to
Cooper & Son 0273-475557. MUIR - On April 19th 1992. MUIR - On April 19th 1992, peacefully in hospital. Doctor Waller J D. Muir. dearly loved husband of Joyce. father of Donald and Alison. Grandrather of Alan and Jennifor. Service of Thanks giving at St Peter's Church. Bocking, Braintree, Essex. on Friday May 1st at 2.50 pm. No flowers please. Donaldons if desired for Air Crew Benevolent Fund c/o G Collins & Sons Funeral Directors. White Notley. Witham, Essex. let: (0376) 83750.

DEATHS HARRIS - On April 23rd at his home in Witney, Charles, aged 98 years (formerly of Little Million Manor, Oxford). Funeral Service to take place at Oxford Crematortum on Monday April 27th at 11 am. No flowers by request, donations to The Matcotm Sargent Cancer Fund for Chfidren, 14 Abingdon Road, London WB GAF.

HORSLEY - On April 22nd, 1992, Richard, aged 83 years, beloved husband of Alix. Funeral Service SI Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, Friday May 1st at 10.30 am. followed by private cremation, Ali flowers and enquiries to J H. Kenyon, tel: 1071 1937-0767 LAMOND - On April 22nd.

PARES - On April 20th, pearefully in his sleep at an Eastbourne Rest Home, Peier, aged 84, retired Forelign Service, second son of the late Str Bernard and Lady Pares Affectionalety remembered by his brother Andrew, skiler-in-law Joan, miece Lesley, nephew Michael, brother-in-law Prof Robin Humphreys and Goddaughter and niece Susan Hoare, Funeral Service at Eastbourne Crematorium Thursday April 30th 2.45pm, Familty flowers only, Donaltons if desired for The Cambridge Foundation, c/o Adela Funeral Homes, 45 South Street, Eastbourne BN21 4UT.

PIPER - On April 19th.
suddenly. Norman Charles of
Hamstreel. Kenl. and
formerly of Bolswana. much
loved husband of Elizabeth
and father of Jane, Jill and
Anne. Service at Warehorne.
Kenl. on Tuesday April 28th
al 11.15 cm. Flowers to Earl
& Co.. Albemarte Road.
Willesborough. Ashford.
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PRIMS - On April 20th 1992. In New York, Vivian George Prins, beloved husband of Hedy. The functal took place on April 22nd. SPRINGALL - On Monday

SPRINGALL - On Monday April 20th. peacefully at the Middlesex Hospital. Norman Robert. aged 69. befored husband of Marry and father of David, Helen and Simon. Former Ealing Chess Champion and scorer for Ealing Cricicel Cub. Much loved and missed by all. Donations to Cancer Research. THOMAS - On April 20th 1992, Professor Llewellyn Hilleth, aged 88 years, in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA, after a long Illness, Dearly loved husband of Naorul, father of Jimmy, Ann and Margarel, grandfather of their children, and brother of Margarel and Sally.

VANDERPUMP - On April
23-d peacefully in

Tunbridge Wells. Gwendolyn Mary, aged 85. greatly loved by all her family and friends. Funeral Service at St Paul's, Rusthell, Tunbridge Wells. at 2.30 pm Tunbridge Wells, at 2.30 pm on Friday May 1st. Flowers or donations to N.A.F.A.S. c/o W & F Groombridge, 31 Quarry Hill Road. Tonbridge, Keni.

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WALLOND - On April 21st., in Brussels. Christine Mary.
M. B.E. daughter of the late Henry Charles William and stater of Janet. The Edit and State of Janet. The Janet State of Janet. The Janet Janet Janet. Janet.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE SOSNOW - Sylvia. In loving memory of a darling mother who died on April 24th 1998. Sadly mbsed by her daughter Flona, grandchil-dren Alexandra and Norman Richard, from son-in-law Ronnie, family and friends.

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NOTICE TO THE REDITIONS
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(b) A dance-step in which the male dancer squats on his beels, and kicks out each leg alternately to the front, from the Russian: "Valatikov squatted on his hausehes, and tried some prissiadkha kicks that put him temporarily on his ass."

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## **OBITUARIES**

## SATYAJIT RAY



The boy Apu, protagonist of Ray's earliest film, Pather Panchali, 1954, the first part of his "Apu trilogy", and, right, the trilogy's creator, who recently received an Oscar in his Calcutta hospital bed

Satvajit Ray. Bengali film director, died yesterday of heart failure in a Calcutta hospital aged 70. He was born in the same city on May 22, 1921.

A MONTH ago Satyajit Ray was awarded an honorary Oscar for a lifetime's achievement in the cinema, the only Indian to receive such a prize. He was too ill to receive it and three members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences flew to Calcutta to present him with the award in the hospital where he had been since the beginning of

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That Oscar was fully deserved. Ray was one of the great humanists of world cinema. a man who towered above other Indian directors. He chose to work totally apart from India's vast, brash commercial film industry centred on Bombay, staying quietly in his native Bengal where, starting in 1954, he turned out a stream of more than 35 films, mostly low-budget, which encompassed the full range of local society from the

rich to the achingly poor. His warm compassion for people of all kinds, together with his rich sense of their comic and pathetic sides, led him to be compared to Jean Renoir, his wistful, poetic nostalgia, and his awareness of life's wasted opportunities, brought echoes of Chekhov; and his feeling for the social nuances and hidden tensions of a still puritunical and repressed society led to comparisons with Henry James.

Bengali culture and spirituality. Ray was a cosmopolitan, much more at ease with Western culture than, say, the great Japanese directors. He was thus able to interpret Indian life and values to Western audiences as vividly and sympathetically as any other artist has ever done. This did not stop local critics being censorious about Ray's more recent films which, they claimed, were insufficiently critical of the society around him. Non-Bengalis were

ready to attack him for being

too rarified and for present-

ing an India for overseas

consumption. .

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Ray was fond of describing himself as middle class. He was born into an artistic family - his father was a writer and painter, his grandfather a friend of Rabindranath Tagore. He studied for three vears in Tagore's shadow, in the college that the great man founded Santinekatan. Tagore was to be a life-long influence. Another early mentor was Renoir who encouraged Ray to start making films when he

ing The River. While earning his living as an illustrator in an advertising agency, Ray spent his Sundays over three years filming Pather Panchali, the first part of his celebrated Apu Trilogy about Bengal peasant life. The film's gentle simplicity and lyric vision excited the 1956 Cannes Festival where it came as a new voice from a little-known

himself was in Bengal, shoot-

world. Around the globe it won ten prizes. The two later films followed the boy Apu into manhood and the inevitable Indian struggle for survival.

Another early film, The Music Room (1958), was the elegiac portrait of a decaying landowner, neglecting his business and burying himself in music and art: it showed that Ray, despite his Leftish views, could be as sensitive to the dying world of patrician grace as he was to the plight of the peasantry. In his middle period, two poetic master-pieces were Charulata (1963) and Days and Nights in the Forest (1970). The first, from a story by Tagore set in the 1880s, was a delicate study of an educated woman torn between her neglectful husband and a literary cousin. The languor of Indian upper-class life, the sounds and shadows of the household, the gentle regret of desire unfulfilled all were beautifully conveyed. In Days and Nights, Ray took a seemingly trivial tale of four young men from Calcutta. fooling about on a holiday iaunt in the hills, and made of it a serene and perceptive study, both comic and tender, of the transience of happiness and the search for love. The delightful pastoral setting was counterpointed by the theme of the tensions of Indi-

an city life. Ray was by now being accused by some Indians of neglecting political and urban realities and escaping into rural and historical idylls. Partly in answer to this

he next made a number of films about urban life in Calcutta. Company Limited (1970) was a study of India's new managerial ruling class of an ambitious young man who sells his integrity to advance his career as a factory executive. The Middleman

(1975), equally acute and ironical, was about a young upper-caste graduate who like so many - fails to find a proper job and is reduced to the ignominy of touting and pimping for businessmen. Other notable films of this period looked at some of the social and political problems

of India's past. Distant Thun-

der charted the impact on a

Bengal village of the great famine of 1943, and also examined the cruelties of the caste system. The Chess Players (1977) was Ray's only film to be made not in Bengali but in Hindi and English, and with a relatively large budget: starring Attenborough, it was about the British annexation of Oudh in 1856. Ray carefully avoided passing judgment on the cultured but effete local rulers whose corruption had made the take-over inevitable. But his clear implication was that Indians had only themselves to blame for British colonisations - and this did not endear him to his fellow countrymen. In 1982 came Ghare Baire ("Home

gal bourgeoisie. Ray was a majestic oft 4in, with handsome patrician features - a kindly man, shy and

and the World"), based on a

Tagore novel about the Ben-



that species of mere bad temper that so often passes for artistic temperament.

Amazingly versatile (India's Renaissance Man, he was called), he wrote his own scripts, composed the music for his films, even operated the camera. Steeped in literature both of East and West, he was a man who bridged cultures. This often exposed him to the inevitable criticism that he had become too westernised. Indian radicals also disliked the ambivalence which appeared to result from his combining progressive views with a sympathy for traditional Indian values, spiritual and aristocratic. Though he did class himself as a radical, and felt concern for the poor and outcast, vet Ray grew increasingly impatient with doctrinaire Leftism.

He was certainly more highly regarded in the West than in his own country. The Indian film industry resented his refusal to compromise with it. Repeatedly, he refused offers to work in Bombay or Hollywood, believing that his strength lay in staying close to his Bengali roots. where in his early work he was a true neo-realist, much influenced by de Sica and. like him, often using nonprofessional actors.

His essential quality was his feeling for character, its quirks and oddities as well as its deeper emotions, and his

miliation, love and yearning. His constant theme was the tension between change and tradition in modern India. and his method was a gently contemplative style of filmmaking, rich in under-state-ment — "I try," he said, "to capture the half-shades, the

hardly audible notes." He thus appeared a r ther old-fashioned and "Larary" director. Typically, one of last films Ganash: mar terminded from his apartment in a crumbling Victorian house, was based on Ibsen's An Enemy of the People. For this "bookishness" he was criticised, as he was for the slow pace of his films. But his admirers would reply that the latter reflected the true tempo of Indian life, leisurely, lethargic. The sum of his achievement was that he made the lives of Bengalis into something universal, and was able to project the joys and travails of his native land into the hearts and minds of the West. For this he will be permanently remem-

One token of his culturebridging, and of his skill, is that he succeeded in translating Edward Lear and Lewis Carroll into Bengali. He had, after all, in true middle class fashion been brought up on The Boy's Own Paper and Wodehouse.

Satyajit Ray is survived by his wife, Bijoya and his son, Sandip.

## **BERNARD** FISHER, GC

Bernard Fisher, GC, who originally received his award as an Edward Medal in 1929 after rescuing a fellow crane driver at a Yorkshire steelworks, died on April 12 aged 80. He was born on December 14. 19II.

BERNARD Fisher won his Edward Medal for the rescue of a colleague. William Hird. under hazardous circumstances when a fire broke out in the cabin of a steelworks crane at some distance above the ground. Early on an April morning Fisher was driving a travelling jib crane in the Templeborough steel melting shop of Steel, Peech and Tozer Ltd, in Sheffield, when he heard a shout from the driver of a gantry crane which was operating at a height of more than 55 feet from the ground.

Fisher saw that smoke was pouring from the cabin of the crane and immediately got down from his own cabin and climbed the steel ladder to the gantry crane track. Once there, he had to cross the eighty foot span of the gantry, get down another 12 feet of ladder, and squeeze through a small trap door into the cabin of the crane which was, by then, well ablaze.

He managed to manoeuvre the injured and unconscious



Hird through the trap door and carry him back up the vertical section of ladder to the gantry from where he was brought to safety. For this dangerous, not to say physically very difficult, rescue Fisher was awarded the Edward Medal which he received from King George VI at Buckingham Palace on February 6, 1940. In addi-tion to this official recognition colleagues in the steel industry presented him with a gold watch and chain.

On July 17, 1974, Fisher was invested with the George Cross and presented his Edward Medal to Clifton Park Museum, Rotherham. He received the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977.

#### **APPRECIATION**

#### Molly Picon

NO ACCOUNT of the life of Molly Picon (obituary, April 16) should omit the career by which she herself added a tiny footnote to the story of the American film industry.

For about ten years, until the war and the Holocaust ended both the lives and the language of the bulk of the people who spoke it, a small Yiddish film industry existed in New York, supplying mov-ic to the rapidly decreasing immigrant generation and exporting them to Europe. M. Ilv ricon was its principal female star - nostalgically recalling the days of "der Heim" to Yiddish speakers in her own country and reminding those still living in the ghettos and "Shtetls" of Eastern Europe what life had been like in the 19th century.

had been with the Yiddish theatre in Paris and there, too, she made films in the language. She even went to Poland in 1937 and starred as a 12-year-old girl (she was 40 at the time) in the film Mamelia. While there, she made her most famous Yiddish movie of all, Yiddle With The Fiddle, in which she played an itinerant "klesmer" musician, dressed up as a boy. It was probably the most

Much of her acting career

successful Yiddish film ever

made. In 1956, in London she recorded an English soundtrack for the film retitled Castles In The Air.

But it was in a much more recent film that she created the perfect "shtetl" character. the epitome of the Jewish woman busybody in smalltown Russia tor rather the was the definitive Yente, the matchmaker, in the 1971 wide-screen musical. Fiddler on the Roof. With her shrugs, her intonations, her wig never quite fitting properly and the small round, steel-framed glasses, she was everything that essential figure from the past represented

Michael Freedland

#### April 24 ON THIS DAY City and Guilds College and



In addition to designing fine cars for domestic use. Sir Henry Royce (1863-1933) was also responsible for the designs of engines which gained for Britain world ed records on land, sea

> SIR HENRY ROYCE

Sir Henry Royce, the great designer of motor cars and aeroplane engines, died on Saturday at his home, Elmstead, West Wittering, near Chichester, at the age of

Among his other triumphs Sir Henry designed engines which gained for Britain the world speed records on land, sea, and air, including the engines which enabled Flight Lieutenant Stainforth to set up the world air speed record of miles an hour, Sir Malcolm Campbell to raise his own record on land, and Mr Kaye Don to make a new water record. He designed the engine used by Sir John Alcock and Arther Whitten Brown when they made the first Atlantic flight. Frederick Henry Royce was

born on March 27, 1863, the son and grandson of flour illers. The death of his father made it necessary for him to earn his living, and when he was 10 years old he was selling newspapers, and later became a Post Office messenger boy. At the age of 14 he was taken as an apprentice at the Great Northern Railway works at Peterborough, where he learned all he could about engines, but lack of money compelled him to leave the works before completing his apprenticeship. At Leeds he found employment at a gun day. From this he escaped by being appointed a tester with one of the first electric lighting

companies. and moved to London where he studied at the

made such progress that in 1882 he was appointed chief electrical engineer for the pio-neer lighting of the streets of Liverpool.

Royce was now an accom-

plished electrician with a wide knowledge of general engineering and machinery, and when he was 21 he decided to launch out for himself. Accordingly he founded at Manchester the firm of Royce, Limited. mechanical and electrical engineers. He specialized in electrical dynamos and cranes which proved so efficient that his firm continue to manufacture them to this day. His success from the beginning was due entirely to the thoroughness of the work which he turned out and he had the gift of inspiring all who worked under him with the high standard which he set for himself in everything he did. In those early days a broken

down motor car was not an uncommon sight by the roadside and Royce resolved to manufacture the finest car in the world, an ambition that was fully realized. Another young man, already a famous motorist, the Hon C.S. Rolls, saw one of the first two-cylinder Royce cars at a show and became so enthusiastic about it that he immediately undertook to sell all the cars that Rovee could build. This was the origin of a

memorable partnership. In 1907 the automobile department of Royce, Limited, was combined with the business of C. S. Rolls and Co. as Rolls-Royce, Limited. Royce becoming works director and chief engineer. In 1910 Mr Rolls was killed by a fall from an aeroplane, but the business was already well established, and the Rolls-Royce car has continued to maintain and extend its high reputation. When in 1904 Royce built the first two-cylindered Rolls-Royce chassis. The Times Motoring Correspondent of

that day, who tried the car in Paris, observed that, when the engine was running "one could neither hear nor feel it."

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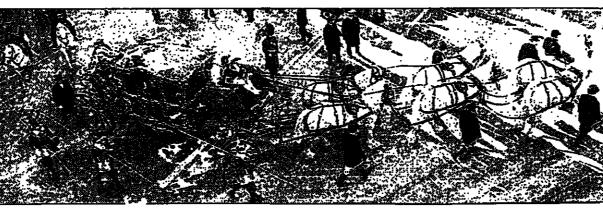
Leonard Cutts had a flair and a passion for publishing. Of humble origins and with little formal education, he gave the best part of half a century of his life to the cause of books aimed for the most part at the middle-range of readers.

Having joined the firm of Hodder & Stoughton in 1922 as an assistant to Arthur Hird, he was charged, ten years later, with the running of its religious publications. His first best-seller was For Sinners Only by A. J. Russell. He had an eye for finding writers of distinction who included such men as Leslie Weatherhead, J. B. Phillips tof The New Testament in Modern English fame) and William Neil (whose One-volume Bible Commentary also became a bestseller). Cutts was made a director

of Hodder's in 1959, retiring ten years later. His field of activity was not restricted to that of religious publishing. Having founded the Teach Yourself series of books, this formed a major part of his work from 1939 to 1964. He was also involved in recruiting John Hunt to write his now famous Ascent of Everest (1953) and helped to create the paperback company Pan Books which linked Hodder's with Collins, Macmillan and Heinemann.

A gregarious man and amusing raconteur, he was as happy among friends at the Athenaeum as he was in less prestigious surroundings. He was a kindly mentor, shrewd in his judgment of human nature and of books.

#### JOHN REID



The Lord Mayor's coach passes by at the procession of Sir Peter Vanneck in 1977

John Reid, OBE, DL Pageantmaster to the Lord Mayors of London, died on April 14 aged 66. He was born on December 1. 1925.

THANKS to John Reid, the Lord Mayor's show has taken on a new lease of life. He had been responsible for it since 1972 and enhanced the reputation it had gained as part of the life of the City of London over the centuries. For many, it is an emblem of the City's power and history and its commitment to the citizens of London, charitable purposes and the Armed

But before the invitation made by Lord Mais to Reid to organise his Lord Mayor's Procession in 1972, the pageant had fallen into a parious state. There were then only 24

floats in a procession in three parts, each organised independently. The timing was erratic and interest was understandably at a low ebb, both for those entitled to take part and those who might have wished to do so. It is a measure of Reid's achievement since then that the procession now contains up to 60 floats, and, overall, 150 separate units. It is over-subscribed and runs with meticulous precision.

Each show takes more than 18 months to prepare. There is no rehearsal for the participants, but under Reid's firm hand the military, civic and float elements blended in a memorable spectacle.

In August 1990 Reid was responsible for the detailed arrangements for a firework display in the Upper Pool of London as part of the Livery

Companies' celebrations for the 90th birthday of the Queen Mother. Reid served as master in two Livery Companies, the Chartered Architects and Furniture Makers. He was an architect and consultant designer and the

work he was responsible for included the Great Room at the Grosvenor House. He was also lighting consultant for Coventry Cathedral. One of his last commissions was for the Sherlock Holmes Museum in Switzerland and a drawing for it was exhibited at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition.

He had been in partnership with his wife since the Festival of Britain, and their work brought them four Design Council awards, and silver medals at the 10th and 12th Milan Triennales. Examples of their furniture and

industrial design are included in the permanent collection of the Victoria & Albert Museum. Their first private house was included in the Suffolk volume of Pevsner's The Buildings of England. Among designs for mass produced furniture, their work for Stag in the 1950s created a best selling range.

Reid was president of the Chartered Society of Designers, 1966-67, president of the International Council of Societies of Industrial Design. 1969-71, and a design adviser to the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation. His professional and public

service was recognised by his appointment as OBE. He was deputy lieutenant of Waltham Forest.

Reid leaves a widow, Sylvia a son and twin daughters.

# Cheese fraud backlash may cost Irish £10m

By TOM WALKER AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE European Commission may dock up to £10 million from the Irish Republic's allocation from the Common Agricultural Policy budget because of alleged abuse of cheese export subsidies.

The move comes after the EC court of auditors said that taxpayers had been cheated out of more than £11 million. The court did not name culprits, but initial reports out of Brussels blamed Belgian and French dairy companies.

That now appears to be wrong. The auditors investigated activities of two companies, referred to as "A and

## Japan will cut car **exports**

JAPAN has agreed to cut this year's car exports to the European Community, a European Commission spokesman

said yesterday. He said Japan's ministry of international trade and industry had agreed at talks in Tokyo to cut sales by rather more than the expected 5 per cent drop in EC car market demand this year. The spokesman would not say by exactly how much Japanese car exports would be cut this year but said Japan had shipped 1.25 million cars to the EC last year, and Community new car demand was expected to fall by five per cent this year.

Two days of talks in Tokyo had followed the Commission's request to the Japanese to cut car exports to the EC. The Commission had wanted the cuts in view of poor operating results by some Community carmakers, falling domestic demand, and difficulties facing the European car industry as restructures itself to become more competitive with its more efficient Japanese rivals.

reement iast July pro vided for a transitional period until the end of 1999 before the European car market is thrown open to unrestricted Japanese competition, during which Japanese car exports are to be monitored.

B", and described schemes by which CAP export refunds for top-quality cheese were claimed on cheaper or belowpar products.

Commission officials and

dairy industry sources in Brussels yesterday identified the two companies as the Irish Dairy Board, Ireland's biggest dairy exporter, whose main brand is Kerry Gold, and DMK, of Hamburg. An EC official said that

"£10 million, and possibly more" might be cut from Ireland's CAP allocation for 1990. It would then be for the Irish government to try to recoup the sum from the board. In 1989, the last year accounted for, Brussels gave Ireland just over IrE1 billion, of which just over half was

spent on export refunds.

The official said that the relationship between the Irish agriculture department and the dairy board was unhealthy. "They are too close," he said, pointing out that Ireland was the only EC country whose agriculture ministry disbursed CAP export refunds, contrary to EC rules that say separate agencies should be set up for the

"We have tried, unsuccess fully, to bring Ireland into line," the official said. "We haven't yet begun an infringement procedure."
The Irish and German gov-

ernments had tried to stop the auditors' report from being published, the official said. Under EC support for farmers, farm prices are kept artificially high. When a trad-er exports cheese to outside the EC, where prices can be up to 50 per cent lower, he is entitled to an export refund to make up the difference. "At least half of the selling price of cheese in the end is public money," the official said. Commission sources blame

most cheese frauds found by the auditors on the Irish Dairy Board and say that meetings were held with the Irish government on the matter. The board and the Irish fused last night to comment. The worst fraud involved bending EC rules on the wat-

er content of cheddar, and led to excess claims for export refunds amounting to £7.7 million in 1989.



Steel magnolias: Ian Roberts, of the Garden Festival of Wales, clearing the lid of an industrial crusher in preparation for a garden display. The festival is being held on the site of the former steel works at Ebbw Vale, and several pieces of old machinery will be used for exhibits. The festival, which opens next Friday and runs until October 4, will also feature concerts, children's rides and sports events

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# Probe finds key to universe

Continued from page 1 tion before people get too excited." Cosmologists have long wondered why a universe that apparently started out as a completely smooth distribubution of matter after the big bang should have acquired the lumpy consistency that we now see.

The puzzle originates from the discovery 28 years ago of the microwave background radiation, a kind of low pitched hum that permeates the universe and is believed to be the last dying echo of the big bang. Everywhere astronomers pointed a receiver the hum was the same, confirming that the early universe was apparently smooth. Now the Nasa satellite has identified tiny variations in the hum that represent the embryos from which the stars and galaxies grew.

Dr Smoot said that the "ripples" in the background radiation were extremely largest and most ancient dating to a period almost 15

billion years ago.
"What we have found solves a major mystery, re-vealing for the first time the primaeval seeds that developed into the modern universe," said John Mather, chief scientist of the \$400 million mission.

temperature just 3 degrees celsius above absolute zero. The results now show that rather than being absolutely uniform, this radiation has almost imperceptible tem-perature variations.

A map of the universe produced with data from the Nasa satellite Cosmic Background Explorer

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## **Shots follow signing** of Bosnia ceasefire

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The three groups undertook to stop the fighting earli-er in the day after discussions with European Community mediators led by Lord Carrington, chairman of the EC conference on Yugoslavia, and João de Deus Pinheiro, foreign minister of Portugal, which holds the EC's rotating chairmanship. They formally signed the ceasefire document several hours later after further talks chaired by Colm Doyle, the EC mediator.

The three parties have agreed to respect fully and agreement of April 12," the brief document said. "On this basis the three parties further agree to resume talks on the future constitutional arrange. ments of Bosnia-Herzegovina under the auspices of the Eu-

ropean Community on April 27." But in a sign of the continuing animosity, Rado-van Karadzic, the Serb dele-

The sniper fire forced observers and journalists to duck for cover but no casualties were reported. The shooting came from a predo-

# **Alerts** failed to avert gas blasts

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Many were angry yesterday. "We told you. We called you. You never paid any attention to us," people at one cratered intersection screamed at a Guillermo Cosio Vidaurri, the state governor, as he toured the stricken La-Reforma district.

'My family is buried there," one survivor said, pointing to a pile of rubble. We'll dig them up in a while," the governor replied

 then turned and left.

Martin Bonales said his wife called police and fire offices on Tuesday night and was told nothing could be done. "Then I called myself and asked them if there were any problems. They told meeverything was under control. They told me not to worry. I called later and they told me, 'Look, don't do anything; don't say anything. Stop spreading rumours, you'll create terror. Look at what

Ramón Guerra, 22, said he had pulled the bodies of his sister and his six-year-old nephew from the ruins of their home. "If authorities knew about this why didn't they tell us?" he asked

As many as 15,000 home-less gathered in two sports stadiums until temporary shelters could be set up. The explosions ripped open streets, hurled cars and lorries into the air and blew up adobe houses. One jagged trench, which had damaged about 1,000 buildings, was

operates the sewerage system said its specialists had been working on the gas problem on Tuesday night, and had asked the cooking company, 46 ily, which it had done. Officials have said the explosions were caused by hexane, a solvent similar to butane or propane, they believe leaked or was discharged into the sewers and was ignited after several days, turning the drains into a serpent of thunder and fire. La Central denied it was responsible in a statement yesterday and said its 60,000-line tank of hexane and its contents were

Unconfirmed reports that ne leak might have come from a pipeline running from a refinery of state-owned Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) had stemmed from statements on police radio. Pemex : denied that its installations

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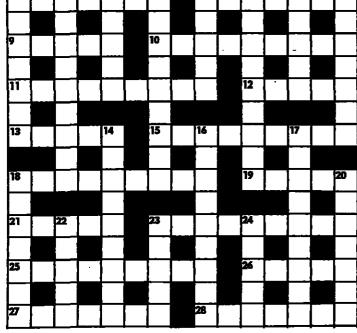
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13 Walk or take public transport parking's short (5).

15 Talk softly when trapped by predator, a marsupial (9). 18 Medical attention for people beginning to tremble after feast

19 Work on poverty, we hear (5). 21 Someone very close — surely not!

23 Accessory in stir - get replacement (6.3).

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5 So-called fashion house (5). 6 Disorganised pits overwhelmed by coal dust — it's a farcel (9). 7 One providing backing for a harpist (5).

8 Not the second worst challenge for climbers (7). 14 Shame about a shift, say, in a family relationship (9).

16 Reputation - one I try to change 17 In full view, a man is passed (9). 18 Vessel put vehicle on a road (7).

20 Awful doctor supervising a deed that's awful (7).

22 It's highly important to have half a dozen soldiers left (5).
23 Measure the depth of water in

24 Not entirely conventional girl (5). Concise crossword, page 9 Life & Times section

spreading south-eastwards, followed by brighter, showery weather. A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

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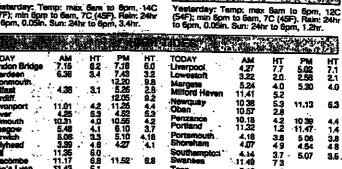
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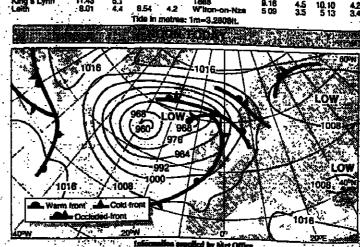
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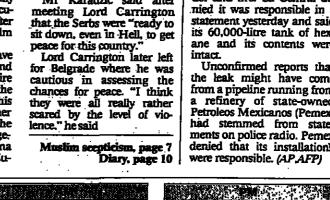
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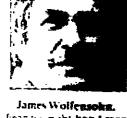
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# Cahill puts best foot forward to pilot troubled BAe



By Ross Tieman Industrial correspondent

IT MUST be hard to project an authoritative presence as the chairman-designate of Britain's largest manufacturing company. British Aerospace, with your bandaged foot supported on a chair. John Cahill manages the task rather well.

The former chief executive of BTR, the international conglomerate, has a big frame and a commanding height, even when seated. His naturally grave manner seems entirely suitable to the scale of the problem at the troubled war planes to cars group. Mr Cahill must be hoping the ill-fortune that has dog-

named as successor to Sir Graham Day, the interim chairman, a month ago, had he not tripped and broken his foot during a transatlantic flight in January.

As it is, he has recovered fast enough to allow Sir Graham, who took over from Professor Roland Smith last September to pilot BAe through its troubled £432 million rights issue, to honour a promise of naming a permanent replacement by end-April. The replacement for Dudley Eustace, the former finance director who resigned in the wake of the rights flop, should also be named by the end of next week.

· executive, the new men must restore BAe's fortunes and battered stock market credibility.

BAe is one of the world's three largest defence companies, with a 4 per cent share in the world weapons market. During the 1980s, the group also moved heavily into carmaking, through Rover Group, and property, through Arlington, the developer. BAe is now faced with disarray in military markets and the consequences of a cyclical downturn in property and vehicles. Last year, the company lost £81 million, against pre-tax profits of £376 mil-lion in 1990. Sir Graham, who will

ged his appointment will soon be Shaken off. He would have been team, led by Dick Evans, the chief board after who handing over the board after who handing over the reins of power on May I. said Mr Cahill, 62, was the only person offered the job of chairman. But stock market dealers suggested the appointment had the air of a panic measure. Mr Cahill began his career in the City after leaving school at the age of 16. In 1955, he joined BTR Industries. Sir Owen Green arrived three years later as finance director of a BTR acquisition, Oilfield Engineering, and went on to build BTR into a multibillion pound company, with Mr Cahill in

his top team However, Mr Cahill arrived in the chief executive seat in 1987, as a

over into recession. Since he retired to run BTR's American business last year, that group's progress, under Alan Jackson, has looked more spectacular to City cynics.

However, after 37 years of leading roles at Britain's most successful international industrial conglomerate. Mr Cahill has the experience BAe needs. Few people can know as well how to run a complex international manufacturing business to produce cash flow and profit. Mr Cahill has a five-year contract. Getting his feet under the chairman's desk has not been easy. If he can make BAe fly, no one will guestion his right to keep them there.

# Dowty rejects £12 bn hostile bid from TI

By COLIN CAMPBELL

TI GROUP yesterday produced the first major contested bid since the general election with a share offer for Dowty Group, valuing the engineering and aerospace company at £518 million.

The bid underlines renewed confidence in the wake of the Conservatives' election victory. Christopher Lewinton, TI's chairman, said the 4-for-15 offer, with a cash alternative of 174.67p per Dowty share, had long been in T1's mind, and the decision to go ahead was made "at the first smell of a Tory win".

Mr Lewinton said TI had made friendly approaches and held meetings with Dowty representatives last year, at which rationalisation and development plans were proposed. Dowty, however, rebuffed TI's ideas, and said it wanted to pursue its own goals, and TI's takeover folder was put away.

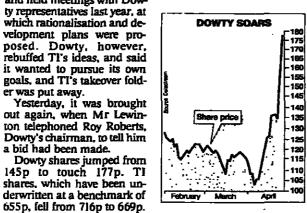
Yesterday, it was brought out again, when Mr Lewinton telephoned Roy Roberts, Dowty's chairman, to tell him a bid had been made. Dowty shares jumped from

145p to touch 177p. TI shares, which have been underwritten at a benchmark of

Analysts do not rule out counterbids for Dowty, including from European groups, although TI insisted yesterday that its offer was full, extremely serious, and

Mr Lewinton said he wanted to restore Dowty's name, image, direction and fortunes, and that a successful takeover fitted in with TI's philosophy of developing a specialist engineering group. He said: "Specialist engineering has been the drumbeat of TI, and we know where we want to go in the world."

Dowty's core aerospace engineering and polymer businesses would enable TI to



compete effectively on a glob-

Other Dowty interests would, under the TI takeover plan, be examined and, if not wanted, sold. Ti would assume debts of between £125 million and £150 million by taking over Dowty.

Mr Lewinton said: "I do not like cash drains. I will drop the guillotine on them." TI was unable to quantify likely job losses in a merged group. Tl currently employs about 17,000 and Dowty about 15,000. There would be cost savings at the head

offices, Mr Lewinton added. Mannesmann, the German engineering group, will participate in the sub-underwriting and thereby maintain its 7 per cent interest in T1.

Defence would constitute less than 10 per cent of a merged group. Aerospace in-terests would account for 35 per cent, automotive for 20 per cent and industrial operations for 35 per cent. Dowty's board meets a

10am today to consider TI's offer in more detail. Meanwhile, Dowty said the offer significantly undervalues its potential, and urged shareholders not to sell their shares in the market.

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## **BP** sheds 700 office workers

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL

BP is to shed 700 jobs, more than half of its total corporate staff in London and Harlow,

Up to 400 are expected to be re-employed by contractors as the oil company hands over responsibility for support functions. A further 100 may be transferred to other parts of the company, but BP said at least 250 would be made redundanı.

Redundant staff would be offered counselling and appropriate severance packages, the company said. The cuts and re-organisation are part of a drive by the group to save \$750 million a year worldwide.

Each of BP's main businesses, including BP Exploration, BP Oil, BP Chemicals and BP Nutrition will be involved in the money-saving effort, the company said.

BP said it was also studying the structure of its research and engineering functions to meet future business requirements of those areas "in the most cost-effective manner The spokesman said a

number of functions, now dealt with internally by BP. could be handed to outside companies. This had already where accounting was contracted out, he said.

He added that it was hoped such "outsourcing" arrange-ments would provide new employment for almost 400 people. However, the spokesman said there could be no certainty that this would be

# German money supply leaps

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

showed an alarming surge in German money supply in March that all but extinguished hopes of German interest rates coming down this summer and set the currency market wondering whether the next move might even be

The annual rise in M3, the targeted broad money measure, was a provisional 9.7 per cent in March, far in excess of market expectations and well outside the target range of 3.5 to 5.5 per cent for this year.

The annual rise in February was revised up slightly to 8.6 per cent.

Accelerating money supply growth, despite the Bundesank's aggressive tightening last year, would appear to rule out any early move to lower key German lending rates. which would open the way for

BUNDESBANK figures a long-awaited general easing across Europe, including Britain.

> The Bundesbank, which has been widely attacked for keeping policy tight, despite economic slowdown, has now overshot its M3 target for three months running. Bank lending, which showed an annual rise of 23.1 per cent in March, is the main force driving the money figures. The Bundesbank has given a warning that the data are an unreliable indicator at because of

unification. The pound, which had settled down at about DM2.93 for most of the day, dipped to DM2.9295 by the official 4pm London close, reflecting the firmer tone the Bundesbank data had given the mark.

Gerard Lyons, chief econo-

said the German figures showed that an "early cut in interest rates is clearly not on the cards. Indeed, there must be a risk of further tightening."

American figures showed a broadly based 1.6 per cent rise in orders for durable goods in March, after no change in February and a 2.4 per cent increase in January. The labour department said the number of first-time

claimants for unemployment benefit fell to 404,000 in the

second week in April, the owest for six months. Bank of England figures showed bank notes in circulation up an annual 6 per cent in the week to April 22, after a 5.8 per cent annual rise the previous week.

The timing of Easter has, however, distorted notes data.

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#### Vickers seeks good price tor Rolls

By Jon Ashworth

TALKS are continuing over the possible sale of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, the lossmaking subsidiary of Vickers, the defence and engineering group. But the company will not be rushed into accepting too low a price. Sir David Plastow, chairman of Vickers. told shareholders yesterday.

Sir David, who hands over to Sir Colin Chandler next month, said exploratory talks vith several potential suitors had come to nothing so far. He added: "It could be that Rolls-Royce is not for sale." Rolls is believed to carry a

price tag of £200 million. Toyota has said it has no plans to enter the bidding. Last year, Vickers sold only 1,722 cars compared with 3,333 in 1990

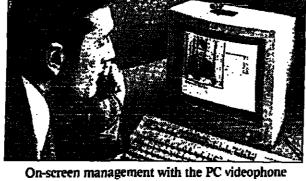
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# First the PC, now the videophone

By NICK NUTTALL PEOPLE could soon find the voices and faces of irate customers, long-suffering wives and fearsome managers popping up and peering at them from their personal computer screens.

This possibility emerged yesterday with the unveiling by BT and IBM of what they claim is the world's first PCvideophone. Equipment needed to upgrade a computer into a PC videophone is expected next year.

Customer relations is one area that BT and IBM foresee being transformed by face-to-face communications. For example, people accused wrongly of non-payment will be able to confront officials, such as the taxman. via office computer screens and show them cheque stubs to prove their innocence and



even fax copies. Another area is home shopping, where buyers could chat over their PCs to shop assistants while viewing lists of groceries.

The technology allows one party to send documents and the images to another per-Because the size of the vidson's PC videophone. Such a eo image can be controlled to videophone will also enable accessing images from refill only part of the screen, diagrams, charts or plans mote picture databases. The

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availability of the system has been brought about by the gradual introduction of integrated services digital networks, which are connected to an estimated 86 per cent of UK businesses. They are now being added to the domestic telephone network.

The cost of upgrading a PC to incorporate a videophone feature is estimated to be about £4,000.

Technology to compress a video signal and developed for BT's videoconference business has helped with developing the new desk-top

Chris Frost, IBM's networking strategy manager, said that the arrival of the computer phones could mark a terminal decline of the fax

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# Virani goes in coup at Control **Securities**

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDEN

NAZMU Virani, the entrepreneur facing a charge of false accounting in connection with the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, has been ousted from Control Securities, the company he created, in a boardroom coup.

A board meeting on Wed-nesday dismissed Mr Virani and his two brothers. Zul and Silu, from their directorships.

The action was led was by Sydney Robin, the new chairman, after advice from Williams de Broë, the company's stockbroker.

Zul Virani has also been removed from his post as managing director of Control's leisure division, which runs the Belhaven Brewery and a chain of 800 public

Silu Virani was the head of the group's property business. A spokesman said that the posts would be filled by existing management

Nazmu Virani stepped down as chairman and chief executive of Control earlier this month to prepare for his



forthoming trial, but said he and his brothers would remain directors.

He is facing one charge of conspiring with Mohammed Haque, a BCCI official, to make a false account to a value of \$4 million and has been granted bail of £1.25 million until July.

The three brothers are believed to have been voted off the board by a five-to-three

The other directors decided they had to distance Control Securities from the Virani family to secure its future and win a relisting on the stock

Control's shares were suspended at 16 p last October when the Serious Fraud Office raided its offices.

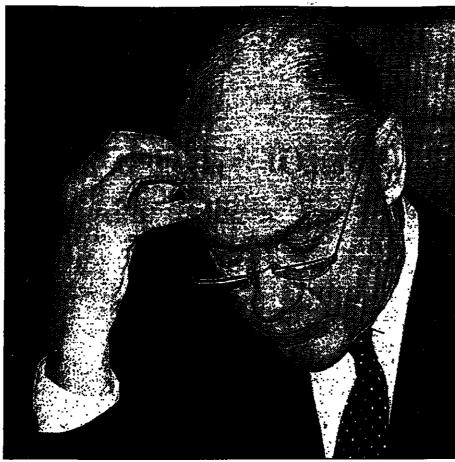
Mr Robin, a former joint managing director of Great Universal Stores, was a non-executive director of Control until his appointment earlier this month. His action was supported by other non-executives including John Bellak, the chairman of Severn

Mr Virani's dismissal is a harsh end to his seven-year reign at Control. During that time he transformed the company from a £2 million shell into a £200 million brewing and property group.

Mr Virani arrived in Brit-

ain from Uganda in 1971 and started business in a small supermarket at Dulwich, south London. He later expanded into wholesale distribution, soft drinks and

Control's latest annual report states that the Virani family controls a 12.9 per cent stake in the company through the Virani Group, a private company, and Zelva Anstalt, a Liechtenstein trust.



Pondering Midland: Sir Jeremy Morse may decide today on a counterbid

# Lloyds keeps counterbid for Midland 'under review'

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

SIR Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds, said the bank is keeping HSBC Holdings' £3.1 billion bid for Midland Bank "under review", amid signs of it preparing a

Speaking at his last annual eting before retirement, Sir Jeremy refused to say whether Lloyds would bid. This is an important devel-opment for the British banking system as a whole and naturally we are keeping it under review." Sir Jeremy denied the bank has been leak-ing its plans to the press. Lloyds is likely to decide on

whether to bid at its regular monthly board meeting to-day. Directors discussed op-tions at a dinner at the bank's headquarters last night, to mark the retirement of Sir John Hedley Green-borough, a deputy chairman. The bank is looking at how it could say it intends to bid without naming a price until clearance came from the Monopolies and Mergers

Lloyds has already hired Barings as merchant bank adviser for a possible bid and in March employed a public relations firm to prepare the ground for an offer. Sir Jeremy and Brian Pitman chief executive, have asked the Bank of England for permission to counterbid.

There was opposition to a bid from shareholders at the meeting. One said: "It would be morally wrong and the un-acceptable face of capitalism to seek to aggrandise this company at the expense of the jobs of all those staff and inconvenience of millions of customers." A Lloyds-Mid-land merger would cost at least 20,000 jobs and 1,000

branch closures.
Lloyds is also believed to be rehearsing its arguments for the bid and a possible MMC referral. Sources close to the bank claim the minimum saving from the merger

will be £500 million a year, against £50 million for an HSBC-Midland merger. Lloyds will also argue the merger will accelerate inevitable banking job losses, and neither Lloyds nor Midland has the critical mass in its domestic market it needs to

compete in Europe.

I Robert Fleming Securities, the broker, has published a report showing Lloyds has the worst-quality corporate lending book of the banks, followed by National Westminster and Bar-clays. The research is based on data from Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group, which grades creditworthiness of 260,000 British customers.

British customers.
Fleming shows 21.6 per cent of Lloyds corporate customers have a poor chance of survival, against 14.8 per cent at Clydesdaie, the bank with the strenger poetfolio with the strongest portfolio. Midland has 19.1 per cent, the best of the big four.

## PPP chief calls for more state support

By Liz Dolan

THE government has gone too far in its support for the national health service and must now redress the balance on behalf of the private sector, ı healthcare chief said. Roy Forman, managing director of Private Patients Plan, Britain's second-largest private medical insurer, said: "The Conservative government has gone out of its way to defend the NHS in its public statements - but not private healthcare. Boistered by its electoral success, the government should strongly affirm what many informed commentators know . . . that, because of the aging population and sharply rising medical costs, the state will almost certainly be unable to afford to meet people's future needs from taxation.'

Mr Forman's plea accompanied news that PPP's pretax profits had fallen from £21 million to £18 million in the year to December, though income had again risen, from £355 million to £404 million. Last month, British United Provident Association, the market leader, said it had turned a £38 million loss into a £1.3 million pre-tax profit in the same period.

Mr Forman blamed the recession, "unprecedentedly high" subscriber lapses, in creasing competition and continuing claims escalation for the reduction in PPP's profits. The recession had forced client companies to cut back severely on employee cover, or to cease trading altogether, Mr Forman said. Redundancy and debt were the main reasons for nonrenewals by individuals, especially in the second half. Despite this, new enrolments, at 149,200, outstripped lapses, which last year totalled 128,500. Aggressive mar-keting resulted in an increase in PPP's market share from

25 per cent to 29 per cent. The amount paid out in claims grew 17.5 per cent to £317 million. A 12.5 per cent rise in claims may have been exacerbated by people trying to get treatment before can celling cover, he added.

## Wm Low suffers 22% decline in profits

WM LOW, the Scottish supermarket group that issued a profits warning in February, suffered a 22.7 per cent decline in first-half profits after increased competition and one-off costs took their toll on margins. In the group's first profits setback since 1979, pre-tax profits fell to £8.82 million (£11.4 million) in the 28 weeks to March 21. Turnover advanced 11.8 per cent to £221.8 million, with like-for-like

turnover 4 per cent higher, including inflation. The total number of stores increased to 66, with 12 outside Scotland. The company expects that to rise to 67 by the year end. The operating margin fell from 5.55 per cent to 4.15 per cent, due to a combination of margin erosion. promotional activity, the impact of new openings, increased branch costs and higher head office costs. The interim dividend is being maintained at 2.7p. Basic earnings dropped from 15.19p a share to 10.73p, while fully diluted earnings fell to 10.03p a share (13.28p). Gearing stood at 20 per cent, and is expected to rise to about 24 per cent by the year end. The shares rose 10p to 223p.

Prestwick pegs payout
PRESTWICK Holdings, the printed circuit board maker,
maintained its interim dividend at 0.5p after returning a
pre-tax profit of £81,000 in the six months to the end of January, compared with losses of £741,000. Earnings were January, compared with losses of £141,000. Earnings were 0.4p a share, against losses of 2.3p. Turnover rose from £11.89 million to £13.92 million, helping to convert an operating loss of £415,000 last time into a profit of £225,000. This recovery was partly offset by interest charges of £144,000 compared with investment income of £19,000.

## IBC stays in the red

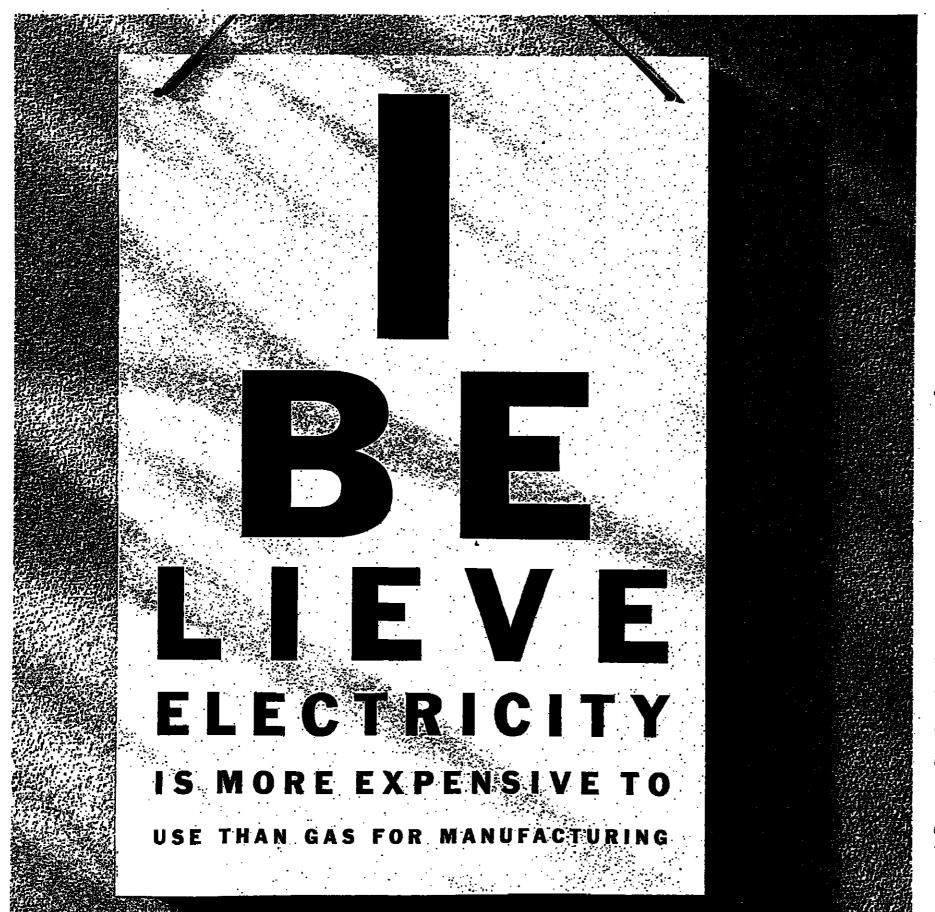
INTERNATIONAL Business Communications (Holdings). the conference and publishing group, trimmed its losses but remained in the red despite the disposal of non-core businesses. Pre-tax losses were £4.5 million (£10.1 million) in the year to end-December. Turnover stood at £50 million (£74.1 million). The operating profit was £4.8 million (£462,000), but this was more than wiped out by interest. There was also an exceptional debit of £126,000. The loss per share is cut to 2.9p. Again there is no dividend.

### VTR dividend held

VTR, the video post-production services and audio-visual group, is maintaining its interim dividend at 1.2p, despite a 36.1 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £276,000 in the six months to end-February. Despite fewer commercials being made, the USM-quoted group saw turnover advance 10.9 per cent to E3.53 million. Earnings slipped to 2.4p a share (3.7p). Philip Lovegrove, chairman, said the profit was an table of the control of the contr encouraging improvement on the £168,675 made in the second half of last year.

### Rea Brothers slides

DOUBTFUL debt provisions doubled at Rea Brothers, the merchant bank, last year, cutting pre-tax profits to £261,000 against £1.6 million in 1990. The £950,000 provision was on a relatively small loan portfolio. Rea also had to make an exceptional £189,000 provision under Isle of Man rules requiring all banks to allow for potential liabilities for compensation relating to the BCCI collapse. A final 0.25p dividend makes an unchanged 5p total. Sir John Hill, chairman, said offshore operations went from strength to strength.



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# EC to investigate swap between ICI and Du Pont

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business correspondent

THE European Commission is to investigate a deal between Imperial Chemical Industries and Du Pont of America, under which the two chemical companies plan to swap their nylon and acryl-

The deal allows the two companies to rid themselves of non-core businesses, while strengthening the market position of their main activities. ICI will sell its nylon, fibres and engineering plastics businesses in Britain, The Netherlands and Germany representing a turnover of £600 million — to Du Pont, while Du Pont will sell its American acrylics interests and pay ICI an additional £250 million in cash.

Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI, said the swap was part of a worldwide process in the industry towards greater specialisation and concentration. Du Pont invented and commercialised nylon in the late 1930s, and is today one of the world's largest producers of Nylon. The deal will boost Du Pont's market share in Europe. ICI's acquisition of Du Pont's acrylics plants throughout America, which have a combined turnover of \$300 million, will turn the British company into the world's

largest acrylics maker. Sir Denys said ICI had held preliminary talks with

the EC, whose merger tank force will conduct a onemonth enquiry into the sale of the nylon business to Du Pont. The commission can extend its enquiry into a full four-month investigation if the deal appears to threaten

competition. David Williamson, president of Du Pont Europe, said the group will have a 25 per cent share of the market in Europe. The narrower the EC's definition of Du Pont's market, the greater the risk that the commission might

He said the commission would need to take into account the increasing market dominance of east Asian producers. Dr Williamson said: "In the end, Europe has to decide what kind of industries it wants in order to compete with the rest of the world."

Dr Williamson and Sir Denys said the deal would not lead to job losses at any of the ICI plants involved in the deal. Du Pont said the nylon operations of the two companies were complementary, and that "the amount of overlap is trivial".

However, British union leaders were concerned about the future of the 4,000 UK jobs involved in the swap arrangement. Fred Higgs, national officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union

said he was "gravely con-cerned" about job security, as he had received "no positive undertakings from Du Pont about their medium or longterm intentions". He noted that Da Pont recognised unions in only five of its 100 American factories.

In Britain the deal involves ICI plants at Pontypool in South Wales, E. raster in South Yorkshire, and Gloucester.

Sir Denys said: "ICI Fibres is a business with strong technological and marketing strengths in Europe, but has not been selected by ICI as a global business." Du Pont, meanwhile, has pledged to invest \$10 billion this decade to expand its rigion interests.

The nylon industry has suffered from overcapacity, with demand falling about 20 per cent last year.



Market forces: Tony Millar visits one of Albert Fisher's fruit stalls in London, with Tim Howden (left) and Lenny Pippin (right) group chief executives for Europe and North America respectively

## **Albert Fisher** slides

By Jonathan Prynn

A POOR performance in North America and lower interest income from sterling cash deposits knocked 17 per cent off interim pre-tax profits at Albert Fisher, the food processing and distribu-

For the six months to end-February. pre-tax profits were £37.2 million (£45 miltion). Earnings per share were down 17 per cent at 4.31p. The interim dividend rises from 1.75p to 1.85p.

Operating profits in North America fell E3.6 million to E6.7 million. Like-for-like operating profits in Europe fell marginally to £26.1 miltion. Interest income fell to £4.4 million (£8.5 million).

Tony Millar, the chairman said that while there were signs of a bottoming out in the UK and North America. weaker conditions in some continental European mar kets were expected. The shares fell 2p to 69p.

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## **Etam lifts** its final dividend

Shareholders who backed Etam against last year's hostile bid from Oceana Investment Corporation, the South African-controlled group, are being rewarded. The final dividend is 5.1p (4.65p), making 6.6p (5.85p). The fashion retailer, whose

operations include Snob and Peter Brown, bucked the trend with a 40 per\_cent advance in pre-tax profits to £11.8 million in the 53 weeks to February 1 Tempos, page 18

#### Starmin chief

Starmin, the quarry products group, has named Cecil Parkinson, the former Conservative MP, as deputy chairman. Pre-tax profits jumped from £764,000 to £3.01 million last year, reflecting acquisi-tions. A final dividend of 0.2p makes 0.3p (0.1p).

Grampian rise Grampian Television's pre-

tax profits rose 31 per cent to £3.2 million in the year to end-February. A final divi-dend of 4.5p makes 5.5p Huntleigh up

Huntleigh Technology saw pre-tax profits soar 42 per cent of £2.3 million last year. A final dividend of 2.75p makes 4.5p (3p).

#### Jerome loss S Jerome & Sons (Holdings)

fell E1.15 million into the red last year. Pre-tax profits for the previous year were £105,000. The final dividend has been axed, leaving the payout at 1p (2.6p).

#### CSF advances

Thomson-CSF, the French state-owned defence electronics company, said attributable profits rose from Fr 2.18 billion to Fr 2.35 billion last

#### Key drug sales help SB rise

BY MARTIN BARROW

SMITHKLINE Beecham, the Anglo-American pharma-ceutical company, lifted prof-its 10 per cent from £253 million to £278 million in the first three months of this year. helped by further increases in worldwide sales of its key

Global sales of Tagamet, the arti-ulcer drug, rose 2 per cent while sales of Augmentin, the antibiotic, increased 3 per cent, despite a decline in demand in America. Total group sales rose to £1.21 billion from £1.11 billion.

SB's pharmaceutical division registered first-quarter sales up 5 per cent and trading profits up 11 per cent from 1991. Currency fluctuations in the first quarter of 1992 benefited sales by 4 percentage points, but profits were adversely affected by 2

percentage points.

Bob Bauman, group chief executive, said the company's most important objective was investing in its research and development capability to produce a consistent flow of new products. He said: "We are delighted with the products that are now coming to market - Seroxat, Relafen, Havrix and Kytril are just four examples. We will con-tinue to invest in them this year to ensure they achieve their full potential." SmithKline Beecham shares

Among the new drugs, Seroxat, the anti-depressant, completed its first year in Britain with a market share by value of 14.6 per cent at end-March, compared with a 9.2 per cent at end-1991. Relafen, the anti-arthritic. was launched in America in February and early indications suggest success. The group also introduced Hav-rix, the hepatitis A vaccine, in

fell from 816p to 799p.

### several European markets. Liberty sees its pre-tax profits slip to £5.7m

By Jon Ashworth

SALES are slowly picking up at Liberty, the fashion retailer and wholesaler. But it will take a big upturn in trade to make up for a disastrous spell in 1991 that saw trading profit from retailing activities dive from £2.2 million to £823,000.

Profits before tax slipped from £7.2 million to £5.7 million on rumover down 8 per cent to £85 million as the recession took its toll. A final dividend of 5.35p makes 7.2p for the year, a modest

rise of 4.3 per cent. John Pugh, the finance director, said that turnover in retailing had fallen while fixed costs such as rent and salaries had remained high. About 100 jobs have been shed in the past year.

Turnover at Liberty's store

in Regent Street , London, had fallen 5 per cent, but sales so far this year had picked up by 11 per cent.

The company is opening a branch in Exeter and plans to open two more regional branches during the course of the year. Liberty is closing three out of four shops in America, but it will keep its presence in New York.

Mr Pugh was dismissive of Brian Myerson, the South African entrepreneur who holds a 15 per cent stake in Liberty and who has accused the board of "pedestrian" performance.

The company has not heard from Mr Myerson since February when he made various proposals including the appointment of a new chief executive.



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Free Reserves/Premium Income	42.6%
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DOWTY Group, which yesterday received a St George's day bid from TI Group, has long been a takeover waiting to happen. Now TI has formally thrown its hat into the ring, and because counterbidders cannot be entirely ruled out. Dowty has a fight on its hands if it aims to remain independent.

On June 29, Dowty will report depressing results for the year that ended March a pre-tax profit of possibly £60.6 million earned in its 1991 financial year. Six months ago, Dowty held the interim dividend at 3.6p a share, but at the expense of

dipping into reserves.

Now, with a full-blooded takeover bid on its table, and despite the extra strain that reserves will have to bear, the final dividend for the year just ended will also probably be maintained, making 9.2p a share for the year.

The recession takes full

blame for Dowty's poor year. If Dowty stays independent, it might manage pre-tax prof-its of between £27 million and £35 million in 1993 but that is theoritical.

TI has come clean about something that was hardly one of the market's secrets: that it held "talks" with Dowty in the early and middle parts of last year. The market will not readily forget that it was last May that Tony Thatcher, formerly Dowty's chief executive, sud-

denly resigned. In most bids, even those with a superficially knockout first price, investors have to lose by sitting on from Europe may appear.



Out in front: Rodney East, right, Etam's managing director, with Keith Miles, his finance director, yesterday

though any counterbid would have to top TI by at least 15 Dowty yesterday spat fire at TI, saying the offer signifi-cantly undervalues its potential. Meanwhile, the temptation to take profits in a market in which Dowty shares rose from 145p to touch 177p. compared with a TI cash alternative price of

175p, is real. At face value, TT's bid on an exit price/earnings ratio of 41.5 times, based on 1992 profit expectations, smacks of desperation. The ratio eases somewhat to 21 times based on 1993 recovery hopes, but that still underlines TT's eagerness to win. TI insists, meanwhile, that its bid is full and generous, though the group has not yet said the offer is final.

TI will see earnings dilution this year, but expects the impact on earnings to be neutral in 1993. The real assuming TI can rapidly implement plans drawn up long ago to sell Dowty's cash draining operations and clear the inherited debt.

Etam ETAM, the fashion retailer.

bucked the depressed conditions in the retail trade with a healthy 40 per\_cent advance in full-year profits.

The company, whose operations include the Etam chain, Snob, Tammy Girl and Peter Brown, saw pre-tax

profits increase to £11.8 million in the 53 weeks to February 1, against £8.45 million last time. Turnover advanced 2.9 per cent to

Sir John Nott, Etam's new non-executive chairman, was rightly pleased to report the healthy increase in profits. The group has done well during the peak of the recession, achieving 7 per cent sales growth in the second

The balance sheet is

#### STOCK MARKET

# City worried by further decline in drugs sector

poration, the South Alrican-controlled group that failed last year to win control of Etam after a £121 million hostile bid, has a 34 per cent stake. The costs of the de-fence against the bid re-sulted in an extraordinary THIS week's big fall in the share values of Britain's pharmaceutical companies is beginning to cause a few sleep-less night for City fund managers. Shares in the big charge of £1.17 million. Oce-American drugs companies have also fallen sharply on ana, which is showing a healthy profit on its stake, cannot bid again until the Wall Street with Merck briefly suspended yesterday because of an imbalance of

over the world's biggest drug

There were further heavy

losses with Glaxo, the biggest of the top 100 companies.

falling 192p to 728p. This brings the fall so far this week

to 60p. Smith Kline Bee-

cham's A shares fell 17p to

fall was caused by American

selling of the units, down 98p

Other falls were in Fisons.

9p to 358p, Medeva, 14p to

Tate & Lyle fell 11 p to

415p after Pepsi and Coca-Cola decided to stay with

NutraSweet, Monsanto's

artificial sweetner, rather

than switch to Sucralose. County NatWest

WoodMac believes that

pre-cooked food, which has

238p, and Macarthy, 4p to

368p. British fund managers

spent much of last year in-

British interest rates.

for £250 million. British

Acrospace advanced 5p to

348p, although the appointment of John Cahill, the for-

mer BTR chief executive, as

chairman received a mixed

reception in the Square Mile.

space and electronics group, surged 33p to 178p as the long-awaited bid material-

ised. The suitor turned out to

be TI Group. 41p lower at

675p, although the speculators are refusing to rule out a counterbid from Smiths Industries, 4p lower at 310p. The bid for Dowty also for

cused attention on other po-

Shares in Dowty, the aero-

already developed into a billion-dollar market.

end of August. . Confidence in the future is reflected in an increased final dividend of 5.1p, American investors have against 4.65p, giving share-holders a total of 6.6p for the year, against 5.85p pre-viously. Earnings rise to 11.2p a share, up from 7.51p last time been selling the shares in the drug companies and switching to the cyclical industrial companies, hoping to take advantage of the economic upturn. Fears about a Congressional enquiry into pricing has also cast a shadow

market.

at £35.40.

Sara Carter, at Smith New Court, has pencilled in current pre-tax profits of £14.5 million, giving earnings of 14.1p a share. This puts the shares on 17 times prospective earnings. On fun-damentals, the company, hich is one of the more highly rated stocks in the sector, has proved itself, al-though the possibility of an Oceana bid premium is built 799p despite a 10 per cent rise in first-quarter profits and a generous increase in the dividend. Dealers said the in. The shares are high enough without a bid.

strong, with no borrowings and £5.1 million of cash.

Stocks were kept under a tight rein, decreasing by 2 per cent to £16.4 million.

Oceana Investment Cor-

poration, the South African-

#### Albert Fisher

ALBERT Fisher is a rare example of a classic 1980s stock market creation that has seriously attempted to address 1990s investor con-cerns. It has had to. The shares have languished at a huge discount to the market and the sector for more than

a year.

The demise of Polly Peck and others have left the surviving shooting stars such as Fisher struggling to maintain credibility with the City. True, the company did itself no favours by steering analysts towards a succesanalysis towards a succession of over-optimistic profit expectations and levels of disclosure have, perhaps, not been all they could have been. But Tony Millar, their and architects of

been. But Tony Millar, the chairman and architect of the group, deserves credit for recognising these concerns and taking action.

Worries about corporate governance have led to the appointment of four new board members, including Stephen Walls, a highly respected figure in the City, as a non-rectained management has been beefed up with the been beefed up with the arrival of Tim Howden, a former managing director of RHM, and a new head of the North American operations.

The company has also worked hard at improving the operational performance, taking out 5 per cent of the workforce. Operationally gearing is high, especially in North America, and any pickup in volumes should stick on the bottom line. However, as Mr Millar line. However, as Mr Millar admits, City sentiment towards the stock will not

improve until the numbers begin to justify a rerating.
Yesterday's interim figures were in line with expectations and if the company can meet or, even better, beat the numbers pencilled in for the full year, the shares could climb sharply. The shares are valued at 7.7 times expected earnings, little more than half the sector rating, on Henderson Crosthwaite's forecast of pre-tax profits of 580 million for the year to end-August.

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gains for Delta. 6p to 488p. Wace, 10p to 137p. and Tra-falgar House, 11p to 148p. ECC, the clays and build-

ing equipment group. climbed 21p to 571p before its American listing in the form of depository receipts. The City hopes that the listing will encourage buying of the shares by American fund managers. Dealers say that stories have also been circulating about a possible bid for the company. However, ECC has been enjoying something of a rerating after its recent rights issue.

Lloyds Bank moved into top gear with a rise of 912p to 405p as Sir Jeremy Morse, the chairman, told the annual meeting that the bank was keeping its options about a bid for Midland. Ip lower at 367p, under review. The speculators are convinced that Lloyds will decide to top the £3.1 billion offer from the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank within the next few days and bid about 425p a share. Friendly merger talks between Lloyds and Midland broke down last year. The offer from HSBC has received a lukewarm reception

creasing their weighting in from some institutions, which the drugs sector and they are now worried that it has reachbelieve the terms are too low. Barciays held steady at ed its peak. Both Glaxo and 335p despite news that the IBCA rating agency had reduced its long-term debt rating from AAA to AA+. National Westminster rose SB have badly underperformed the rest of the market

since peaking in January.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market spent a volatile day with the FT-SE 100 in-6p to 331p, Bank of Scotland 1p to 116p, Royal Bank of Scotland 5p to 181p, Abbey dex seeing an early 22-point lead whittled away. It eventually closed only 2 points up at Profit-taking left Intercare, the USM medical 2,609.8 as investors continued squaring up their positsupplies distributor, 3p ions with just one day of the three-week account left. A lower at 155p. However, there has been a revival total of 612 million shares in institutional support. changed hands. Dealers said Noises from the company the equity market lacks direcappear encouraging. Its own tion and that business has broker is keeping to its profits forecast for the become two-way with the election fever fading away.

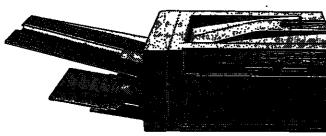
current year, but has Government securities were left with falls of E4. increased its 1993 estimate. Investors are worried that National 5 2p to 305p, and TSB Group 2p to 141p. Albert Fisher, the fruit and vegetable distributor, fell 2p Germany's economic prob-lems could delay a cut in ICI eased 2p to £13.64 after confirming the sale of its loss-making fibres business

to 69p after a dip in first-half profits. But Tony Millar, the chairman, was optimistic and reckons there are signs of an upturn in both Britain and North America. The property companies

were again back in vogue with some fund managers buying for recovery. Rises were seen in Percy Bilton, were seen in Percy Bilton, 15p to 453p, Capital & Coun-ties, 12p to 190p, Frogmore Estates, 9p to 294p, Grey-coat, 6p to 46p, Hammerson, 20p to 424p, Helical Bar, 11p to 127p, Land Securi-ties, 6p to 424p, MEPC, 15p m 330p, and Warner Estates to 339p, and Warner Estates, 7p to 205p.

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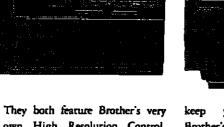
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## THE TIM

#### Meals on wheels

BROTHERS Airen and Michel Roux, whose catering empire now provides an in-house luncheon service for numerous City institutions. had better be on their guard For they could soon find themselves facing fierce competition from an unexpected quarter. Economics guru Roger Nightingale, ex-Hoare Govett, who now happily runs an independent inteman operation out of a sub-let office suite in a Hays Gallena building occupied by Singa-porean broker Sassoon & Co. has, to the surprise of his former colleagues, declared his hand as a gastronome of note. Nightmeale, whose wicked sense of human is often misunderstood, holds monthly "fun functios" in a hitherto unused dining room at Sassoon & Co. Fie hought the crockery cuttery and place mats himself - one or two short of a full set, which adds to the homespun appeal and this week, at one such lunch, he let slip that he aiso buys all the food, mostly in Leadenhall market, and prepares it at home. As he presented an impressive menu comprising prawns with pep-pers, chicken casserole with rice and apple pic. Nightin-gale explained to his some-what charled country that he what startled guests that he transports the food into the office in the boot of his small.

Diahatsu car. "I just pur all the seats down, and load up with dishes." with dishes. It's really not difficult at all," he said. Much ado . . .

AFTER upsetting the theatri-cal world by building an of-fice block on the site of

## Vickers hoping for a miracle

he sight of Sir David Plastow, chairman of Vickers, seeking offers for the Roll-Royce Motors subsidiary at the depths of the recession is a sad one. No chairman, especially one of Sir David's calibre, would wish to begin his retirement on such a downbeat note. The time to sell companies with a unique franchise such as Rolls is at the top of the market rather than at a time when there is carnage in the motor industry from Detroit

The task of finding a buyer or a strong joint venture partner for the world's best-known car maker would have been a great deal easier two years ago when Sir Ron Brierley fought a proxy battle over the de-merger of Rolls. Sir Ron was sent packing by the board with overwhelming backing from institutional shareholders.

Rolls was making handsome profits then and the problems of competing head on with far larger car manufacturers looked less daunting than it does today. As the recession plunged Rolls into heavy losses, the problem of funding future research and new model ranges has become daunting for a group simply too small to cope.

Sir Ron's demerger plan would have put a value on Rolls of about £285 million he strongly believed. Now it appears that Vickers cannot find a bidder prepared to come close to what it thinks is the long term value of Rolls. Vickers will not talk figures, but analysts say the car maker is probably worth £200 million even in today's distressed markets.

For the patriotic Vickers shareholders who urged Sir David to keep Rolls-Royce British at all costs, the prospects are now bleak indeed. Vickers probably needs to find as much as £200 million over the next six years to fund the car development programme. Vickers, which made a £12 million loss last year, is not in a strong bargaining position and Rolls needs a miraculous recovery in its key US market. Vickers will probably find a big brother to take a substantial stake in Rolls. The price may not be attractive.

#### **Bundesbank woes**

he Teutonic control the Bundesbank once exercised over German money supply has yielded to galloping growth rates reminiscent of Latin economies at their most wayward. The annual 9.7 per cent surge in March in M3, the broad measure which guides the Bundesbank to future trends in inflation, might suggest that Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, failed to tighten enough with his pre-Christmas rate hike. Having dipped from 9 per cent in January to 8.6 per cent in February. M3, is back close to double the growth the Bundesbank is aiming for.

The initial reaction in the financial markets was to abandon the summer easing scenario. For the more pessimistic the prospect of yet higher German interest rates arises. There is, however, a danger that people, especially market folk, are

The Bundesbank has attached numerous health warnings to its M3 numbers for the opening months of the year. Unification heavily distorts the figures, as too does the growing use of the nark as a reserve currency across the former Soviet block. Bank lending to the private sector is the main motor of M3 surge, in part reflecting nothing more than high short-term interest rates.

The M3 surge will be helpful for Germany at the weekend meeting of the Group of Seven in Washington, as its suggests that the Bundesbank's tight rein has neither killed off activity nor the inflationary threat. Demands for German loosening would be difficult to justify.

EUROPEAN VIEW.

# Italy yearns for change to prevent transfer to EC's second division

The blame heaped on government by

Italians could switch to Brussels

on the road to

devolution, writes

#### Wolfgang Münchau

he distraught owner of a small farm cottage in the Sicilian mountain village of Zafferana made a last desperate effort to draw attention to his plight. The lava of Mount Etna has been slowly approaching the village. and his cottage high up on the mountain became the first building to be hit by the lava flow. Before escaping to safety he wrote a de-spairing message on one of the cottage walls: Grazie governo. Thank you government.

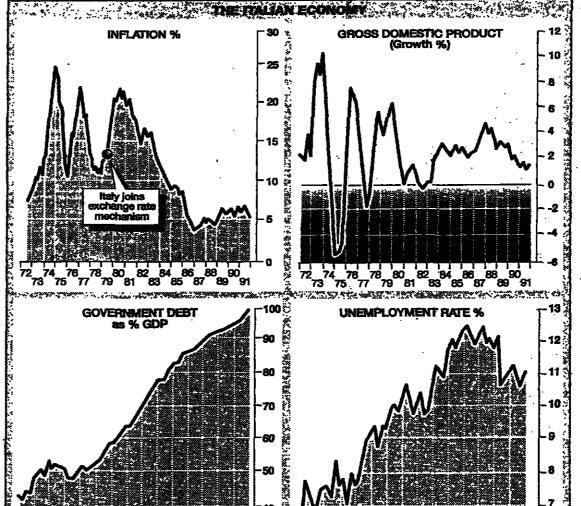
In Italy, the government always carries the blame: for the economy. for the Mafia, for their World Cup disappointment, and if the resident of Zafferana is even remotely typical, for natural disasters as well. Com-plaining about the government is a national pastime. The problem has been that foreigners sometimes take those complaints too seriously and draw the wrong conclusions.

There is a great temptation to overstate the impact of the events of the last few weeks, which witnessed a few disasters in the making beyond the volcanic eruption. The results of this month's general election dealt a blow to the ruling four-party coalition, while an increase in the share of the vote by splinter groups and independence movements promises economic uncertainty.

In Milan, the 1982 Banco Ambrosiano fraud scandal returned to the fore with the six-year jail sentence handed down on Carlo De Benedetti, the chairman of Olivetti. Meanwhile, Italy's leading companies, most notably Fiat, Olivetti and Pirelli, have not yet recovered from sharp profit falls or, in some cases, from losses. There is an air of decay about Italy.

So much for the bad news. Italy can send out rather gloomy signals at times, though the country has consistently confounded its critics. During the eighties, Italians enjoyed a moment of national glory when it overtook Britain in terms of gross domestic product per head of population, a phenomenon known as il sorpasso. Italy's GDP growth has declined over the last few years. avoided.

The statistical mirage of the sorpasso was in part based on the inclusion of the black economy into the figures, but the data nevertheless square up with some anecdotal evidence. General living standards in certain regions, such as Lombardy and Tuscany, are higher, at least visibly, than those in many regions of Britain. France and even Ger-



many. Italy's experience in the exchange-rate mechanism has also been good, with inflation, once a perennial problem, falling consistently towards the European average. The annual rate stands at about 5.6 per cent, close to Britain's underlying rate, a remarkable achievement when one considers the price Britain had to pay for bringing its inflation down to this level.

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Italy's underlying economy is also fairly robust. Contrary to popular perception, Italians work longer hours than most other Europeans, as many people have more than one job. A prohibitive employment protection law, which virtually precludes the dismissal of workers, has had almost the opposite effect: companies keep small payrolls and emly large numbers of freelancers and subcontractors. A large proportion of the labour market is therefore virtually unregulated.

The glove industry reflects the illogical nature of the Italian economy. Naples is the heart of the sector, yet not a single company is officially registered there. Companies from all over Italy subcontract the work out to mainly self-employed women who work from their homes in the

Naples region. That system may not be endemic to a modern economy, but such old structures bring their own financial benefits. If everybody played by the rules of Italy's stringent labour laws, with their employment protection provisions and the scala mobile system of automatic wage indexation, many industries would not have survived.

the great fear, however, is that the relative robustness of industry will not be able to make up for the shortcomings of the political system, which have left the economy in deficit. Pressure for change is mounting, both from the leghe, the regional independence movements encouraged by their strong show at polls, and from the in establishment, including Gianni Agnelli, the head of Fiat.

The clamour for reform is also borne from a fear that Italy might be left behind in the process of European economic and monetary union. To qualify for EMU status, Italy must face up to a gigantic task. Inflation must be brought down to within 1.5 per cent of the average of the three countries with the lowest

rate of inflation in the community as set out in the Maastricht treaty. On present performances, this means inflation of about 4 per cent. Even more importantly, Italy's

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debt, which amounts to more than its gross domestic product, needs to shrink, as does the annual budget deficit. Whatever policy is adopted. Italy will not be able to meet the budget deficit criteria agreed at Maastricht. Under that deal, a country qualifies for EMU once the annual budget deficit is no higher than 3 per cent of GDP.

In Italy, last year's deficit was about 10.5 per cent of GDP, after a massive budgetary overshoot. Even if a determined government achieves a substantial reduction in the deficit, the 3 per cent Maastricht target will remain out of rea by 1997, the earliest date for the introduction of the single currency.

This, however, is not necessarily too much of an obstacle. Germany is also in danger of breaching the target, which its own government insisted on at Maastricht. The cost of unification responsible for such fiscal profligacy might not fail until the second half of the decade, though that might ironically im-

prove the process of European economic convergence, with Italy's rate of inflation and budget deficits falling towards the European average

as Germany's rise.
To achieve even those limited improvements. Italy, it is widely recognised, will need to modernise some of its arcane structures. However. oi its arcane structures. However, given the country's experience with political systems designed to "sort out the mess". Italians are likely to settle for gradual, rather than radical, change.

From a practical point of view. gradualism is all that is needed. The new government's first task will be to pursue sound economic policies, involving gradual deficit reductions over the medium term. This would require subsidy cuts, a kickstart for the long overdue privatisation process and the overhaul of the way in which funds are transferred from one

region to another.

The issue of regional transfers is crucial. In 1988, total government spending for the South amounted to 194.1 trillion lire (E92 billion) against tax revenues of 101 trillion lire, leaving a deficit of 93.1 trillion lire. The North and centre, meanwhile, had a surplus of 25.8 trillion lire. Such transfers, if consistently applied, create envy. Worse still, there exists a northern prejudice, rightly or wrongly, that these financial transfers have not been wisely invested. The North has become disillusioned with the South, resulting in the rise of the leghe.

ence the cry for constitutional reform, especially for devolution. Economically, though not politically, one might as well cut Italy in two; a northern and a southern state. The chances are that each region would be better off aione. More realistic would be a devolved federal system. similar to that of America or Germany, with tax raising regional assemblies and stricter limits on the amount of wealth transfers between

There is another strategy behind this, as an Italian government official astutely pointed out. The introduction of a devolved political system, combined with the increased European harmonisation and centralisation, might shift some of the responsibilities for Italy's regional policy away from the national government towards the European Community as a whole. There is also a hope that the European Commission would employ sounder criteria on regional assistance than has the Italian government.

However, tight budgets and rising financial demands from easter. Europe render a massive rise in EC regional aid for the mezzoeiorno unrealistic. The only real option is for the Italians either to continue the policy of futile financial transfers or to reduce them substantially. Whatever the scenario, nothing will prevent the Italians from complaining against whoever runs their country: whether regional or national governments, or indeed Brussels.

# THE TIMES



## **CITY DIARY**

#### Meals on wheels BROTHERS Albert and Mi-

chel Roux, whose catering empire now provides an inhouse luncheon service for numerous City institutions. had better be on their guard. For they could soon find themselves facing fierce competition from an unexpected quarter. Economics guru Roger Nightingale, ex-Hoare Goven, who now happily runs an independent oneman operation out of a sub-let office suite in a Hays Galleria building occupied by Singaporean broker Sassoon & Co. has, to the surprise of his former colleagues, declared his hand as a gastronome of note. Nightingale. whose wicked sense of humour is often misunderstood. holds monthly "fun lunches" in a hitherto unused dining room at Sassoon & Co. He bought the crockery, cutlery and place mats himself - one or two short of a full set, which adds to the homespun appeal - and this week, at one such lunch, he let slip that he also buys all the food, mostly in Leadenhall marker, and prepares it at home. As he presented an impressive menu comprising prawns with peppers, chicken casserole with rice and apple pie. Nightin-gale explained to his somevhat startled guests that he transports the food into the office in the boot of his small Diahatsu car. "I just put all the seats down, and load un with dishes. It's really not difficult at all," he said.

#### Much ado . . .

AFTER upsetting the theatrical world by building an office block on the site of



Shakespeare's Rose Theatre in Southwark, The Intry Group has so far failed to let any of the 157,000 sq ft of space contained therein. The letting agent. Lane Fox. has now added insult to injury by capitalising on the bard's appeal to try to attract attention to Rose Court Building. Yesterday, on the anniversary Shakespeare's birthday, Lane Fox's Alastair Chapman donned a 16th century costume and hired professional lute player David Miller, and sang Shakespearean songs at a luncheon for potential tenants. Such is the level of gimmickry in the property market these days that, although many guests were surprised by the performance, few thought it in poor taste. "It was a very lyrical way of presenting a buildsays tenants' agent Richard Posner of the BBP Partnership. "It certainly made a nice change from the usual Mont Blanc pens and freebee wallets.

#### Glasgow-bound

UNWORTHY comments that the only reason for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's bid for Midland was so that chairman William

Purves could get a free air

ticket to his daughter's wedding tomorrow - at Bowden Church in the Scottish borders - are, it seems, far from accurate. Catriona, one of Purves's four children by his first wife, was once a British Airways senior training man-Her husband-to-be, David Noys. is a BA general manager. Purves's colleagues say that, free, or heavily subsidised air tickets have therefore long been available in the Purves family. They will allow, though, that if his bank's bid succeeds. Purves will take advantage of the opportunity to spend more time with the newly-weds, who will set up home in Glasgow.

#### **Young George**

THERE is, it seems, a limit as to how long one can go on supervising one's children. So, at least, thinks Sir George Blunden, former deputy chairman of the Bank of England, and joint deputy chairman of Union Discount. Sir George yesterday announced stepping down from Union Discount since, from June, its new chief executive succeeding Graeme Gilchrist - will be none other than his son, also called George. Blunden junior. aged 40, was previously with discount house Seccombe Marshall and, more recently, has been running Warburg Securities' discount arm. He is the eighth George Blunden in an unbroken line, and the name is perpetuated by his own son. George Blunden IX. A family friend said: "They are all very keen on getting into double figures, there is already great pressure on the youngest George aged nine, to produce George X."

CAROL LEONARD dation from the director of

#### Seeking the reason for dismissal ceptance deflects from the

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responsibility of the board as

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acquiescence of shareholders

when accepting the annual

I suggest that shareholders

who are dissatisfied with such

payments should attend the

annual general meeting and

seek to ascertain which party

terminated the contract and

for what reason. Only then

can they be confident that

any terminal payment for outstanding period of con-tract would have been sub-

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MAURICE GILLIBRAND.

As you rightly observe,

GRE's remuneration com-

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Yours faithfully,

7 Tal-y-Cae,

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From Dr M. Gillibrand Sir, The letter from Mr R.S.

Fraser (Business Letters, April 15) reflects the growing concern of shareholders that directors who are dismissed (or euphemistically are said to have resigned) will be departing with substantial terminal payments. The response from the IoD

(Business Letters, April 17), which tacitly implies that a contractual terminal payment up to a three-year period should apply in all circumstances, does little to allay such concerns. Surely, at the heart of the

matter is the reason for the termination of the contract. Usually the action is in response to the unsatisfactory performance of the company In such circumstances a dismissal with a terminal payment which ensures its ac-

Bangor,

GRE chief received "a small increase" From the Finance Director, Guardian Royal Exchange Sir. I read your article (April 23) concerning the salary of Guardian Royal Exchange's chief executive with interest. The fact is that Sid Hopkins only received a small increase — in line with inflation — in July 1991.

The reason for the apparent larger increase is that for the first five months of 1990 he was not chief executive and, therefore, paid a lower

committee of non-executive directors - has decided it is inappropriate for the direc-tors' salaries and fees to be increased in 1992 in view of the results. Yours faithfully.

JAMES MORLEY, Finance Director, Guardian Royal Exchange, Royal Exchange, EC3.

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#### Glass houses

From Mr Owen Travis Sir. I recollect numerous complaints by "business" over recent years of the inadequate investment horizons set by financial institutions. I now read (Business Let-

be "excessive". Those who live in glass houses... Yours faithfully OWEN TRAVIS, 12 Fairfield Way. ters. April 17), a recommen-Haywards Heath West Sussex.

#### Banking explained From Lord Deramore

Sir, On Good Friday my wife received two and I received one copy of a circular letter from the, I quote, "personal sector marketing director" of one of the Big Five Banks. It contained a leaflet entitled "Our banking charges explained" and a personal details sheet, which required us

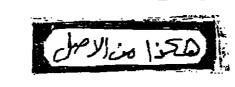
to complete a questionnaire and return folded by Freepost. It is easy to appreciate the need of the banks to make every effort to recoup the vast sums they have lost through ill-judged loans to other countries and dubious commercial firms, but we think this communication tells us more about the high street banks than we are required to tell the personal

sector marketing director. We are both sufficiently old to remember a time when the then branch manager of this particular bank was a personal friend, who knew all about his customers and their families and was able to give helpful advice on financial matters. Now it seems we are merely statistics to be sorted in a central computer. The letter states: "Understanding our customers is vital for the development of our products

and services." What products? The advertising material that bombards us endlessly through the post and goes straight into the waste paper basket? The cruises and other gimmicks that are offered with our credit card accounts? We may be simple but all we require of our bankers are that they should keep our money safe, give us a fair rate of interest and courteous treatment by local manager and staff.

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# Pressure on generators to close older plants

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITAIN'S two big power generation companies, Nat-expire next March. ional Power and PowerGen, will face pressure to step up closures of older plant after projections showed Britain is on course for a 56 per cent surplus of generating capaci-

ty by 1997. National Grid Company (NGC), the transmission group, warned companies rushing to build plants to ensure their power stations have the flexibility to shut down at periods of low

demand. In its latest seven-year statement, published yesterday, NGC revealed that new capacity totalling 22,370 megawatts has now been committed to the National Grid. John Uttley, NGC's finance director, predicted, however, that only around half was likely to be built. Even so, the existing fossil fuel generating companies would encounter severe pressure to close more of their

existing plants to save money. The latest NGC analysis of likely developments in the power market in England and Wales after privatisation makes grim reading for the legatees of the former stateowned Central Electricity

Generating Board. Almost all the new plants will be combined-cycle, gas-fired turbines, and half of them will be built by independent generation companies. National Power and Power-Gen, which will build the other new gas plants, are likely, nonetheless, to face a sharp reduction in their mar-

The demand for coal, now Britain's dominant fuel for power generation, will fall sharply as new gas-burning

plants are built. John Baker, chief executive of National Power, has suggested that the generators' purchases from the stateowned British Coal Corporation will fall from 65 million tonnes to a long-term level of about 45 million tonnes a

That would imply the loss of a further 20 of BCC's 50 deep mines, provided the current level of open-cast output is maintained. The cutbacks would come as Tim Eggar, the new energy minister, is examining ways of priva-tising the coal industry.

A switch to cheap-to-build, high-efficiency gas turbines does not necessarily preclude a return to deriving energy from coal in the future, how ever. Power industry leaders are confident that new coal gasification processes can be perfected that will enable gasfired plants to run on coal gas, should changes in energy prices make that more economic.

To date, the NGC study shows, existing generators have indicated their intention to close or mothball 4,400 megawatts of plant, suggesting a net increase in capacity of 18,000 megawatts by 1997-8. That would increase generating capacity in England and Wales from 62,400 megawatts in the current year to 81,900 megawatts by the end of the forecast period.

Peak power demand last year was 48,700 megawatts. That is expected to rise by 1.1 per cent a year, reaching a peak requirement of 52,700 megawatts in 1998-9. NGC rejected suggestions

that market mechanisms were failing to send the right signals to power station developers. The company said developers must decide for themselves whether the plants they proposed could compete on cost with existing

coal-fired power stations. The very biggest, most cost-effective coal-fired plants generate bulk power more cheaply than even the best gas plants, NGC figures suggest. But gas plants are expected to undercut many of the existing generators' middle-aged coal plants, which do not enjoy the same operat-

#### WORLD MARKETS

Signal service: floor dealers in Tokyo send messages during trading that saw the Nikkei close above 17,000

said: "It really is a bull mar-

ket. People are now targeting

6,000 (points) for the year

end and in this particular

run, it wouldn't surprise me if

people were talking about taking a peek at 5,500."

moved in to an already posi-

tive market after reports on

Wednesday that Li Peng had

vowed to permit "great ex-

pansion" of China's growing

market economy, saying that

the role of the state must be

cut back. Li Peng's statement

Brokers said that the bulls

Foreign buying lifts Hong Kong to peak

was seen as one of the clearest

signs yet that he is bowing to

the inevitability of economic

change as advanced by Deng

Xiaoping, who is China's senior leader.

Clive Weedon, a research

director at ChinTung Securi-

ties, said: "It's down to Li

Peng's comments on Wed-

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the one who has held back

and now that he appears to be

throwing himself into the new

order one would imagine that

the reformists are very much

# 'Rise' in bank profits boosts Tokyo

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE Tokyo stock market's Nikkei index jumped 562.93 points, or 3.34 per cent, to 17,402.05 — above 17,000 for the first time since Monday — after reports in a Japa-nese newspaper that the net profits of Japan's leading banks had risen 25 per cent

The Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Japan's main financial daily, which has close links with the ministry of finance,

reported that the ministry will announce an estimated rise of 25 per cent in core banking profit for Japan's 11 city banks. Bank shares surged, reflecting the long-held belief that the Nihon Keizai Shimbun is an unofficial spokesnot return. man for the ministry. Robert Sasaki, a futures

trader at Jardine Fleming Securities, said: "There was a lot of buying at the opening after the report about the banks profits jumping 25 per cent." Yasushi Mieno, the governor of the Bank of Japan, said yesterday that he was still determined to retain his tight grip on monetary policy to make sure the "bubble economy", which developed on the back of severely overvalued share and property prices, did

He said: "Now that interest rates have fallen this low, the official discount rate stands at 3.75 per cent. The room for lowering them further is limited. I don't think the bubble could re-emerge soon, but we will be watching carefully what effects the low interest

rates are having on the economy.

Mr Mieno claimed that the recent slump in the Tokyo stock market was not having "any serious impact on either corporate or household financial conditions", adding that shares accounted for only 10 per cent of individual finan-

cial assets in Japan. Share declines have reduced the banks' assets and lowered their capital-to-asset ratios, he said, "but they have quite ample, retained profits earned in the boom years".

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#### NEW YORK

## Dow falls in morning

New York - Shares weakened in morning trading after early gains that were powered by strong economic data. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 7 points to 3,331.77.

☐ Frankfurt — Worse than expected German money supply figures for March buffeted the bourse in the last few minutes, forcing down what had been a steady market. The Dax index dropped 2.5 points in the final seven minutes after M3 growth last month was reported as 4.7 per cent. The Dax ended 0.56 of a point down at 1.752.44. 8 points below the day's high and just a fraction above the

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Hong Kong — Foreign insti-tutional buying of blue chips

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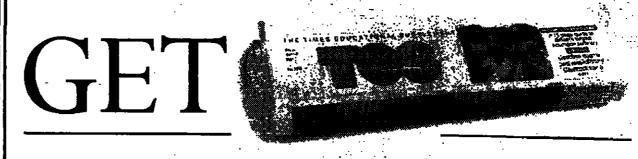
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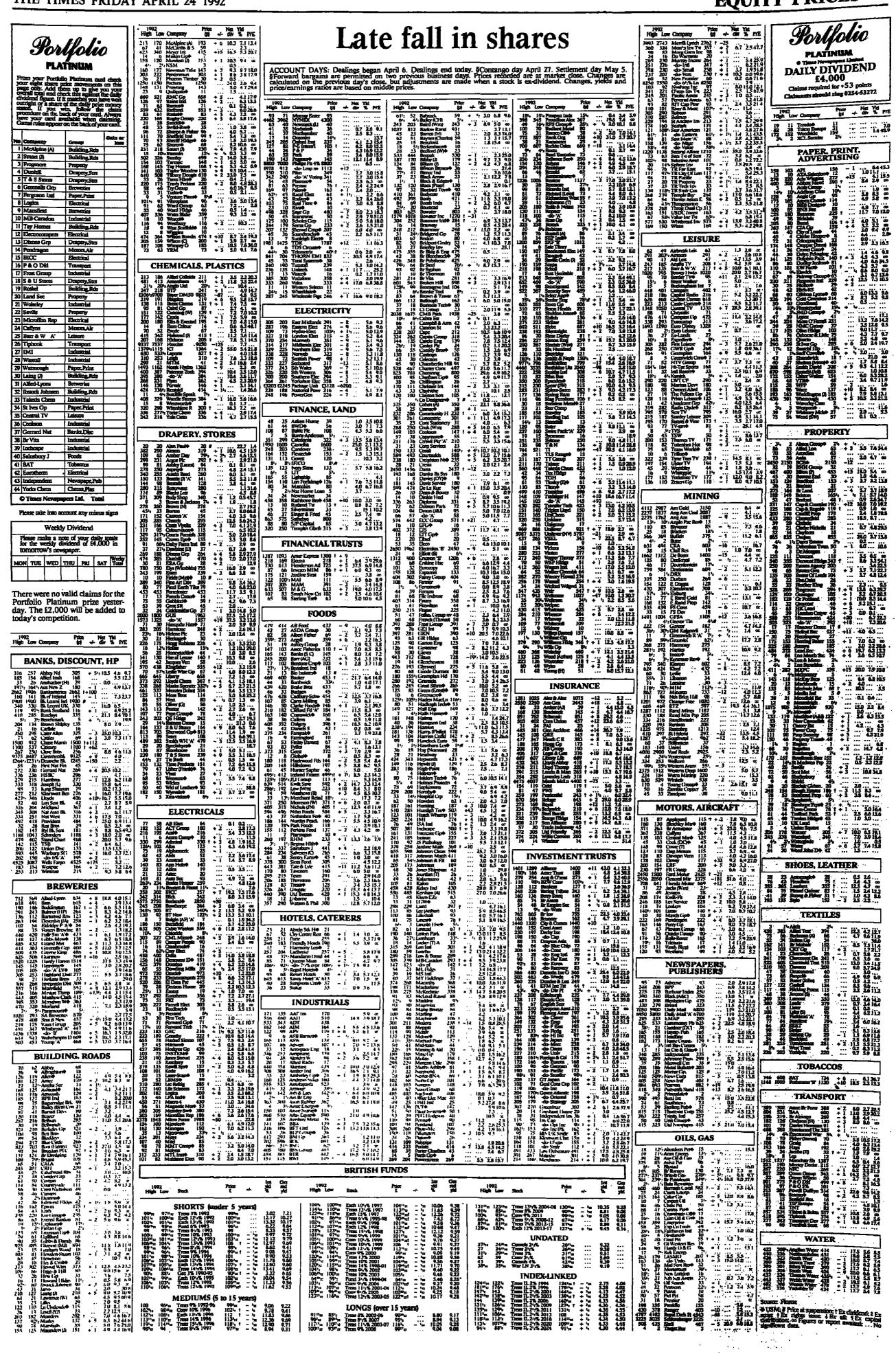
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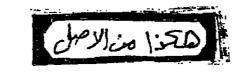
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The days of buildings cluttered with miles of computer cable links may be coming to an end. Ken Young reports on the cordless revolution

# Retuning to the wireless network

f you've ever tripped over one of the many cables that dangle from most office technology, you may be pleased to hear that the days of cable could be numbered - thanks to the development of "wireless networks".

Wireless networks, most of which have been developed in North America during the past five years, link computers by means of radio rather than copper or fibre optic cable, just as cordiess telephones use a radio linkup between phone and wall socket.

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The most common application of this emerging technology is for linking computers in office networks. Typically, each computer requires a special conversion that includes an internal card and external radio antenna costing about £1,500 a personal computer. This compares with about £300 to connect each PC in a standard wired network.

Despite the increased cost of a wireless network, many IT planners believe such networks will grow in use because they can be installed with little of the underfloor/ceiling wiring that is usually

Geoff Vincent, a senior consultant for the PA Consulting Group believes cordless systems have great potential. "Wireless networking is a key topic." he says. "Demand is likely to grow as we see increased use of laptop and notebook comnications starts to merge."

The most immediate benefit of a wireless network is that moving the network becomes much more manageable. An obvious application is in retail environments, where cash tills are often moved many times a year because of store

ICL, the computer manufacturer, has installed a trial network of 40 cash tills at a Marks & Spencer store in west London. Each till is fitted with a Radiolink unit manufactured by US based California Microwave. M&S says that the tills have been operating for four months without losing a single

About 20 wireless networking trials are now taking place in Britain. Carolyn George, manag-ing director of Chasecom, which supplies a system known as Arlan, says that several blue chip companies and government bodies are running test networks involving two, four and six terminals.

"The tests are proving that wireless networking is not a niche product but can be useful in a range of different environments," she says. Suppliers are also said to be heartened by the fact that clear standards and agreed frequency ranges for such systems are finally emerging after years of discussion. Could wireless networks replace

existing PC networks? Critics say

puters and computing and commu- that despite their benefits, many wireless systems are too slow because the data rates are up to ten times slower. The wireless suppliers reply that existing systems rarely operate at maximum speeds and that the difference is therefore

negligible.
So far, three wireless systems are available in Britain — Chasecom's Arlan, Radiolink from California Microwave and Infralan from BICC. By the end of the year, there will probably be half a dozen systems on the market.

The lone European contribution is being developed by Italy's Olivetti Sixtel. Olivetti's system differs from North American offerings in that it is based on the digital European cordless telecommunications standard (DECT) which was originally developed for cordless telephone systems.

But with a number of different systems available, how will buyers select from those available? Wireless networks are compared using three main criteria: the speed at which data can be transferred, the distance the radio links can cope with without data loss (this varies between 100ft and 800ft), and the ability of the system to cope with obstructions such as walls, ceilings and partitions.

Performance depends on what transmission technique is being



Space-saver: Geoff Vincent, of PA Consulting, with the radio transmitter that can communicate between office computers

spectrum technology (SST), where in each country. There is also rignals are spread across a range of

Suppliers admit that cost will be the biggest barrier to sales. Paul Clifton, NCR's marketing manager, says: "Despite trials in the UK, we need the European, Far East and Australasian markets to open up before you will see any real economies of scale."

He says that exploiting overseas markets is difficult when the product has to be specified to meet the frequency range allocated for its use general acceptance that for the moment wireless systems are "niche" products, rather than a replacement for current wired sys-

According to Tom Goddard, managing director, Telecom Systems, suppliers of Radiolink, the main application will be where a

temporary system is required "or where flexibility is paramount". Despite slow data rates, low awareness, and high prices, the future looks good for such systems.

Existing suppliers are seeking to develop double the data rates they now offer and a new European standard for high speed wireless networking, which promises speeds ten times greater, is expected to be released by 1995.

The idea of cordless systems is not restricted to computers either. But perhaps the idea of a wireless office needs the endorsement of a large computer manufacturer such as IBM before it will be taken more

Of the giants, Apple Computer

seems to be taking the early initiative. It says it is developing a network based on what it calls "spontaneous computing", in which users can move from office to office and from building to build-ing with portable or "notebook" computers that connect with the inhouse network as and when required via radio links.

Apple is now waiting for the US Federal Communications Commission to decide whether radio frequencies should be allocated for

# Lifesaver link will watch the yachts

hen Chay Blyth pio-neered the idea of racing the "wrong way" round the world in 1972, the world at large had to rely on his infrequent and often broken radio broadcasts to have any idea of his

position and performance. This year, followers of Blyth's British Steel Challenge can rely on a newly developed satellite tracking system to provide instantaneous reports of all ten yachts as the 120 crews battle against the winds and currents to be first around Cape Horn and back to their starting point at Southampton.

The 27,000-mile yacht race provides the first global test for a system developed by BT to track valuable cargoes

across oceans and continents. BT's development engineers have married the network of American military satellites that make up the

global positionsystem which provided the pin-point navigation accuracy for the Allied forces during the Gulf war, with the Inmarsat-C low-speed data transmisailable through international Maritime Satellite Organisation. The C-Sat

system, as BT calls its service. not only pro-vides positioning accuracy to within 50 metres, but can reliable signals back and forth be-(ween tracked and the trackers. This allows

staff at headquarters, for instance, to monitor the exact position, bearing and speed their ship. and follow its

course minute-by-minute if necessary, on a computerised

road map" or chart display. In the case of the British Steel fleet, the BT system will pick up the position of each yacht automatically at pre-set times. However, the race organisers also have the ability to initiate extra fixes to monifor any close-fought duels such as those expected around Cape Horn and Good Hope.

also to the Thanks inmarsat-C part of the system, crews have the ability to communicate with the outside world, irrespective of the levels of propogation that blocked out out Chay Blyth's radio transmissions in the Southern Ocean for days at a time, by sending and receiving electronic messages via the same satellite link.

Satellite tracking ional boundaries, will be able can keep a

constant eye

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world sailors

This service was proved last year by Josh Hall, the British competitor in last year's BOC singlehanded round the world race. Mr Hall, who suffered a dislocated knee midway bese Town and Svo ney, used the system to transmit his graphic accounts of the voyage published in The Times, directly from his

small yacht, Spirit of Ipswich. Unlike the large "puffball" domes that shroud the girobalanced transmitters fitted on ships to provide satellite telephone links, the on-board equipment for BT's C-Sat to use the C-Sat service to track bullion runs across continents on computer-generaled mans that can 200m in to pinpoint a vehicle's exact street location.

With the exception of a small area surrounding the north and south poles, the satellite signal flow is un-interrupted by cloud or terrain — apart from tunnels —" and will operate just as accurately from the depths of Siberia as it will in the middle of Middlesbrough.

Another important about the C-Sat service is the safety cover the satellite ser-

Eight years ago the British yachtsman capsized soon after rounding Cape Horn during a record-breaking attempt to beat the best clipper ship time from New York to

His trimaran with an early PICKTHALL PICTURE LIBRARY French satellite tracking sys-tem, which took nine hours to alert the outside world of his predicameni

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the panic butflipped never knew whether up the until a Chilean cava! plane next day. By then, we had been sitting for 19 hours in the freezing waters ing through the upturned hull." Not only will the C-Sat ser-

immediate

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to signal the

yacht's posit-

ion, and pro-

Instant feedback: Josh Hall transmitted graphic accounts of his voyage in Spirit of Ipswich last year

service is small and light enough to fit inside a brief-

The twin aerials linking the satellite services are mounted unobtrusively on the stern of the yachts and linked to a standard personal computer. sited in the nav-station. This in turn can be connected to the yacht's instrumentation to provide course, wind bearing. temperature and speed at the time of each plot.

In the case of a valuable cargo, the system can just as easily monitor the speed, bearing and fuel consumption of a ship and temperatures within its refrigerated holds.

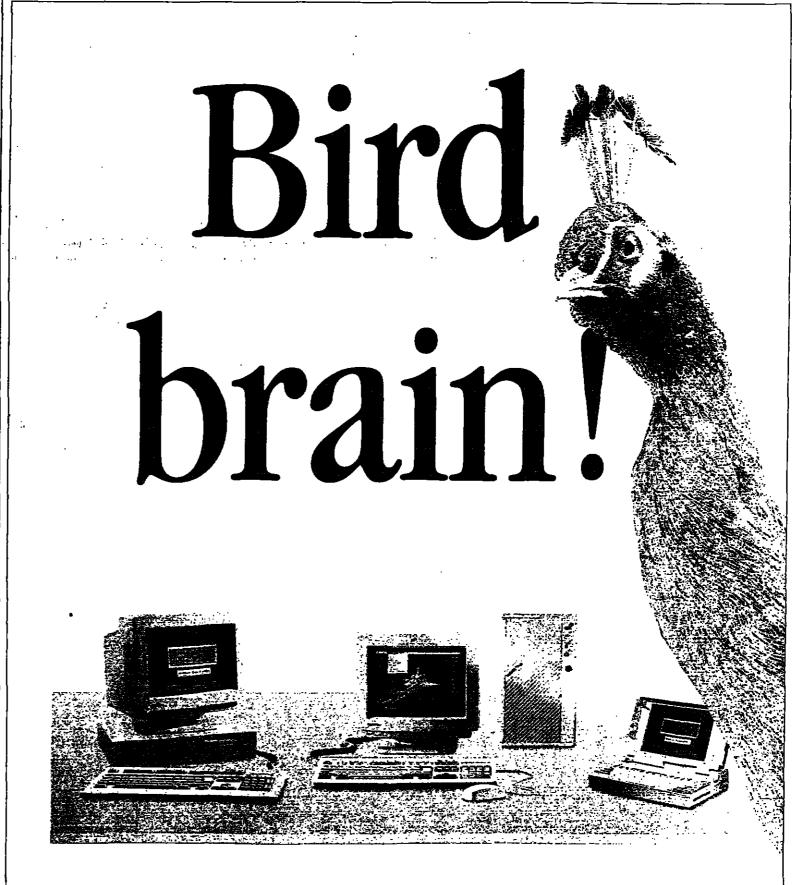
in the near future, landbased fleets of security vehides, which at present rely on sophisticated terrestrial tracking systems set within nat-

vide the two-way message links with the rest of the fleet that will give Mr Blyth and his race organisers the ability to coordinate a prompt rescue operation.

An example of this came last January during the British Cape Horn kayak expedition led by John and Rebecca Ridgway. Nigel Dennis, the lead canoeist, contracted blood poisoning, which would undoubtedly have led to his death had the team not carried the satellite link.

It allowed the Ridgways to contact Mr Dennis's doctor in Anglesey in Wales for direct advice, then call on the Chilcan authorities for the medicines that saved his life, and the expedition.

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# Facing an X-ray future

Jane Bird reports on a pilot system allowing computer storage of X-rays

which could improve diagnosis and even save lives in an emergency

ammersmith Hospital will soon be installing jukeboxes, but they will not be blaring out the latest hits to queuing patients. The jukeboxes will contain more than a million medical images created by X-rays, computer tomography, nuclear magnetic resonance, angiography, radio isotopes and ultrasound. At the touch of a button, doctors will be able to summon the images to computer workstations throughout the hospital. The jukeboxes are part of Brit-

ain's first hospital-wide electronic imaging system using software known as Pacs - Picture Archiving and Communication System. It is being installed as part of a £11 million computerisation programme at the Hammersmith hospital, which also includes the administration of patient records, pathology results and outpatient

information.
There will be 138 computer workstations in consulting rooms, wards, operating theatres and outpatient clinics.

The hospital will be one of the first in the world to computerise Xray images. Instead of converting these to film for viewing on a lightbox. it will collect them on a reusable phosphor plate. The images will then be passed through an electronic reader which will pick up the data and store it digitally.

Doctors will be able to view the Xray images on screen within two minutes, instead of having to wait up to an hour for them to be processed — a speed improvement which could save lives in emergencies. Another advantage cited is that it should put an end to lost images, says Dr James Mosley, the hospital's director of information technology.

At the moment, X-rays are kept in cardboard envelopes which can about the hospital. Up to 15 per



Eye to eye: Dr James Mosley, director of information technology at Hammersmith hospital, examines an X-ray image

cent go missing and have to be retaken, Dr Mosley says. "This is time-consuming and expensive. It is very frustrating for medical staff. and for patients who are exposed to

unnecessary doses of radiation". Under the new system, the X-ray images will be permanently available with a few kev-

strokes, rather than having to be physimoved from location to The on-screen Xray images should improve diagnosis

sible to sharpen outlines, enhance contrast and zoom in on areas of special interest. Doctors in differ ent locations will be able to view the

same image on their screens and discuss the case without having to schedule physical meetings. A surgeon in the operating theatre might be on-line to the radiology departtants able to join in. Several screens can be linked.

Despite the huge capacity of the optical discs — each one can contain more than 10 billion items of data — the inclusion of X-rays will place heavy demands on the

Pioneering pictures: the Pacs system in action

system. An average chest X-ray

contains six million pieces of infor-

mation. Sophisticated data com-

pression techniques will be used to

The two 100-disc jukeboxes being installed at the hospital should have enough space for three years' worth of images. As they become full, discs containing older images will be archived. They can be stored for at least 20 years without the data be-

> digitising the past year's X-rays for transfer onto the

coming contam-

Though any image can be selected from the jukeboxes and summoned on screen within two minutes, this can represent an unacceptable delay to a busy doctor with a queue of patients waiting to be seen. be linked to the hospital adminis-

tration software which gives it advance warning of which outpatients are expected in each department. Their scans, along with those

the optical discs and held on magnetic disc at the central computer - a technique that will cut the ection time to a few seconds.

Hard-copy back-ups will not be kept at the hospital — its lightboxes, X-ray film and cardboard envelopes will be thrown out. Back-up discs will be held instead, meaning that it is essential that the computers should be reliable 24 hours a day throughout the year.

In order to do this, the hospital has chosen so-called "fault tolerant" hardware for the administrative system that incorporates two main processors, so that if one fails the other should take over without any significant interruption.

Hammersmith is one of three pilot sites in the world introducing hospital-wide use of the system for digitised X-rays, although a few hospitals use it for other types of scan. If a Hammersmith patient needs to go elsewhere for treat-ment, their electronic images can either be printed out or transmitted via a telephone line in the few cases where other hospitals have suitable

Installation of the system is due to be started in the autumn and completed by September 1993.

# Bargain-hunters on the Continent

Personal computer buyers have keyed

into the low prices of hardware abroad, particularly in Germany

uestion: if you want a low-cost computer, where is the best place to go? Tottenham Court Road, New York or Hong Kong? Answer: none of these. Try Dusseldorf, Munich

In the past year, prices of personal computers and peripherals have fallen dramatically in Germany. Not so long ago. one of Europe's most expensive places to buy a computer, it has now become one of the cheapest.

One reason is a sudden recognition of the fact that personal computers have turned into a commodity market. Over the past year, retail chains have sprung up throughout Germany specialis in low-cost personal computers.

The companies import PC components from the Far East and assemble them locally, adding their own badge. Hefty differences between their prices and those of more traditional dealers mean that the normally brand-conscious Germans will give them a try.

Another reason for lower prices has been the introduction of direct sales techniques where, just as in the United States and increasingly in Britain, buy direct has become the battle cry of cost-conscious computer consumers. When buying computers by post, however, Germans have the advantage of being able to pay the postman or courier cash on delivery. Already some British computer

buyers are starting to cotton on to the savings that can be made from a quick buying trip to the Conti-nent. An office standard 386SX/25 MHz VGA colour machine with two floppy drives and a 105 megabyte hard disc may cost less than E800 — more than E400 cheaper than in Britain, and the German price includes local VAT, whereas the British one does not.

Not only are PCs cheaper, so are peripherals. Escom, one of Germany's leading budget direct sales companies, is selling a 9,600 bit per second modem for around £100. Similar specification modems advertised in British publi-cations can cost more than £500. Because such sales can be made

by post, continental shopping is likely to be a threat to British

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mail order has taken off worldwide, especially in the United States where one in five computers is bought in this way — and a specialist publishing business has

grown up with it.

A pioneer of this new sector of publishing is New York-based Ziff-Davis, which publishes Computer Shopper, the biggest direct-mail computer magazine in the world, now five years old and regularly putting out 1.000-page plus issues. The company launched two titles in Europe last November. — PC Direct in Britain and PC Direct in Germany. Both have already reached 500-page issues.

"Direct buying by Europeans

from US suppliers has been with us for some time," says David Craver, managing director of Ziff in the UK, who estimates that about 10 per cent of the advertising space in PC Direct is taken by

American suppliers.
With the opening-up of the
European market, he believes that French and German suppliers will also begin to advertise to British

oward Meredith, an analyst at Romtec, a research firm, says: "Medium and large companies are now more computer-literate and no longer have to rely on a dealer's expertise." Customers are also finding that the after-sales support of direct sales organisations can beat that of many dealers, he adds. Buying internationally would be the next logical step.
The one exception to what looks

like becoming a booming cross-border mail-order market is likely to be computer software. For a start, German prices for software are, if anything higher than in Britain. More fundamental than this could be the language barrier.

You may be able to buy a car much cheaper on the Continent. but you may well find its left-hand steering wheel annoying on UK roads," says Mr Craver. "Similarly, if you buy a software package in Germany, will you get by with all of the manuals and maybe even the screens in German?

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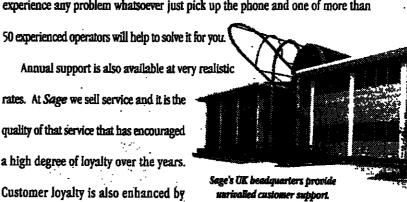
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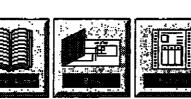
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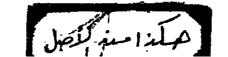
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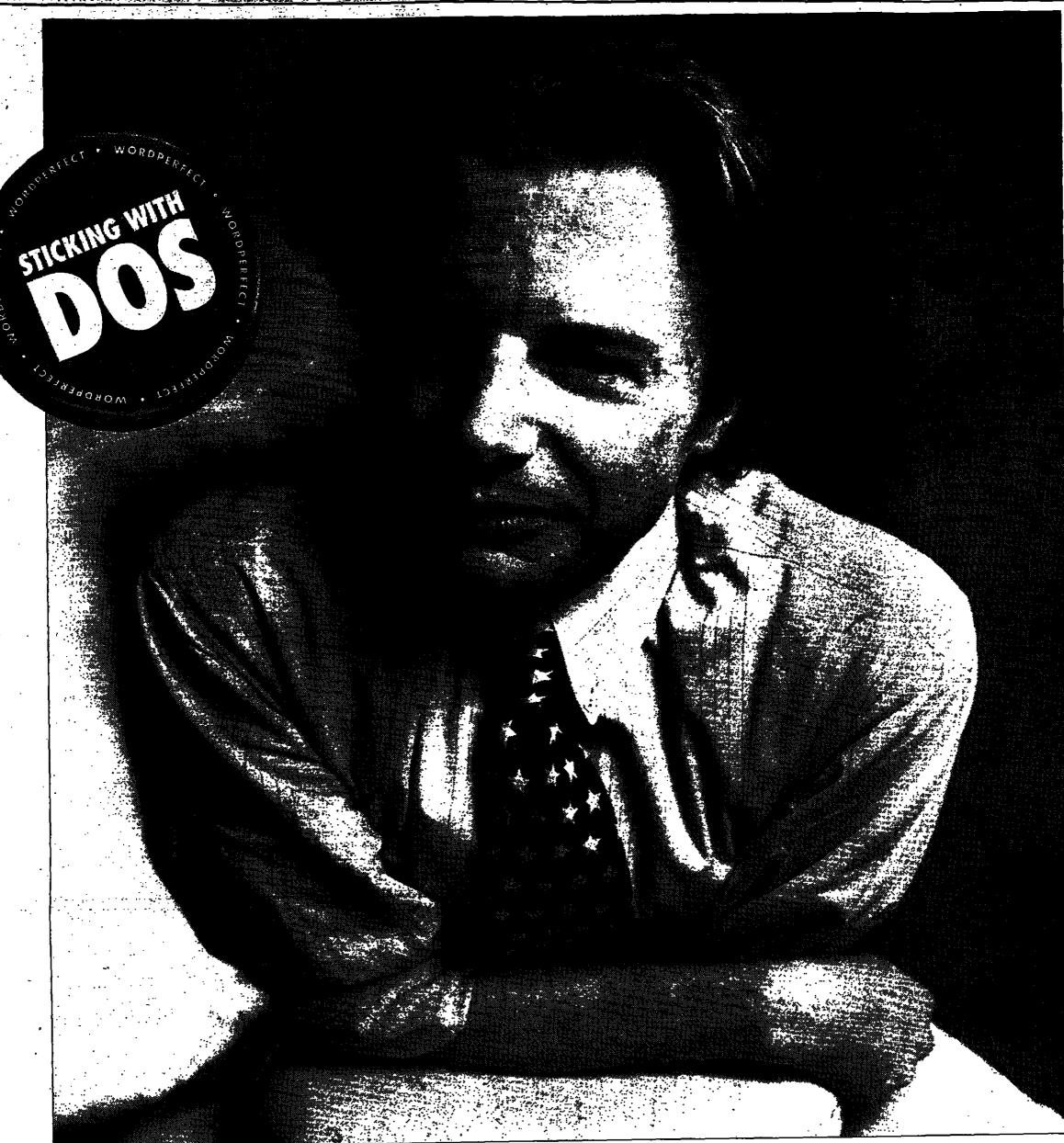
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Umen Bewtra heads a company producing work overseas. Much of London Underground's new timetable was developed in Calcutta

# Teleworking starts anew

idea of the teleworker, those people who realised that by equipping their homes with personal computers, fax machines and telecommunications links, they could manage a full day's work without ever

leaving the house.

Instead of battling through the rush-hour traffic every day to get to the office, teleworkers would capitalise on the freedom that new technology gave them to live anywhere in the country, no matter how remote, and conduct

their business electronically.

The concept has taken a fall recently as predictions that millions of us would soon be teleworking look less and less likely to happen in the near future. Computer companies, however, are starting to turn a slightly different version of the idea into a truly worldwide concept in the hope of eradicating two of the problems that commonly dog the software industry — high labour costs and a shortage of

Several companies, including BIS Information Systems, Oracle and Electronic Data Systems have opened soft-ware development centres in Ireland. where there are government incentives designed to attract employers to the area, as well as a good supply of highly

qualified young people.
Others are already working further afield. London Underground's new £200,000 tube timetabling system, for instance, has been written by CMC, a Calcutta-based software house that won the contract in open competition against several British suppliers.

A 1980s concept has been revived by software kets, such as handling all the conversion work required when companies manufacturers. Pat Sweet reports

Third Wave Systems is another company whose software developments are handled abroad, either in Dublin or via its Indian subsidiary. Third Wave is undertaking a £4 million project to develop a new loans system, which will take a team of 54 people two and a half years to com-plete, for Britannia Building Society.

As is common in such projects, the initial stages covering activities such as requirements definition, analysis and high level design, are carried out in Britain by a team flown from India. Once the specification has been signed off and the amount of client involvement drops, however, the rest of the work moves to the development centre,

wherever that may be.
Such an approach is known as "offshore programming". Typically, between 50 and 80 per cent of the total project work will take place somewhere far away from the actual client site. With clients and developers some-

times thousands of miles apart, communications can be a problem, partic-ularly in countries such as India, where telecommunications infrastructure is patchy. Most companies resort to dedicated leased circuits, which are more reliable and of higher quality than the public network.

In many instances, however, the five and a half hour time difference between the two countries can be turned to advantage. Britannia Build-

move to open systems. ing Society, for instance, has direct satellite links from Third Wave's Delhi

offices with its own machines, which are used for development work during

Offshore suppliers also provide a UK-based liaison managers on projects to handle queries and specification

changes, as well as training British staff

to support the system once delivered.

Enthusiasts for offshore programming say it often leads to more

disciplined developments, with every-

body taking greater care in defining

requirements and paying close atten-tion to the signing-off stages on

projects, since opportunities for sudden changes of mind are more limited. The

other big advantage is, of course, price.

On average, software development in

India is at least half the cost of

equivalent work in Britain, mainly

techniques and technologies, including

programming languages such as C++ and Unix, which is now the Indian

government's standard operating sys-

tem. Productivity levels on some projects can be 150 per cent above those normally achieved in Britain.

Having demonstrated the benefits of

offshore programming for medium to

large scale software development, sup-

pliers are now examining new mar-

cause salary rates are so much lower. Quality remains high. India's 200,000 computing professionals include many familiar with the latest

slack overnight periods in the UK.

"This work can be done easily and quickly in India and we can even test locally," says A. P. Lakshmanan, CMC's head of European operations. "Often existing systems have no docu-mentation and the person who wrote them has left. Trying to bring order to this situation without spending any more money on the system is a horror

story for some companies."
Third Wave, meanwhile, has started to develop its own products abroad. Its marketing information database, Mind, which has recently been bought by the Woolwich Building Society and First Direct, was written in both of its overseas development centres and sold

"Technology has moved on so much that distance is less of a handicap now. The world is smaller in all senses, and we believe offshore programming is the right way forward if we want to attack the global market" says Umen Bewtra, the managing director. In particular, it has allowed Third Wave to break into the US market, where British companies have traditionally suffered from higher labour costs than their American counterparts. Developing products and services in low-cost areas such as India makes the move

into the US more economic. The company has also just set up a sales and marketing office in France. with the aim of selling its offshore services in Europe and has been evaluating ways of setting up another software development centre in Russia.

Hi-tech mailboxes need to be simpler

etting hold of the right person at the right time is not always easy. They might be out to lunch, not returning your telephone messages or simply engaged. Such a frustrating process can now be solved elec-

As its name implies, email electronic mail — is the com-puterised equivalent of the traditional postal process. Email services control the transfer of messages between sender and recipient, charge for usage time and measure the amount of information

being transferred. Although there are 14 million electronic mailboxes in use worldwide, part of a market growing at an estimated 40 per cent a year, most business executives do not need to communicate in this sort of way. For the seasoned

traveller, however, who cannot work effectively away from the office without a regular update of information, or the professional whose business depends on a regular supply of infor-mation from the field back to base, email is proving a boon.

But as more and more business users are catching the email bug, they are also discovering the technical headaches that can be involved. The process of typing a letter, then electronically posting it should be simple. It ought to be possible, for instance, to

(WITH APOLOGIES TO POSTMAN PAT) STRUCK send mail directly from

It isn't. Until now, software suppliers have designed their own proprietary links, or APIs (application programming in-terfaces) to email products. Consequently, a software program designed for one type

of email system cannot easily be made to run on a second A spreadsheet or word processing user creates a document, has to quit the program,

then go into a second email

software program to send that

OMI, however, has already

been superseded by VIM. Last month, Apple Computer, Borland, IBM, Lotus and Novell announced they would jointly develop and support VIM - the vendor independent messaging interface — and will serve as the trustees of the proposed standard.

Such support for VIM from five of the biggest names in the computer market has dealt a blow to MAPI, an alternative messaging strategy announced by Microsoft.

Electronic mail is improving, but has yet to reach its full potential

league. The appearance of a new initiative, by Lotus Dev-elopment, which is aimed at creating an open email standard, could, however, mean that this tedious and longwinded process is about to The open messaging inter-

face (OMI) specification, announced late last year, was originally designed to help software developers write email applications for different manufacturers computers. Specifications in OMI form the bedrock of a new range of software products referred to

THANKS TO ELECTRONIC MAIL DOLE

the program you hap-pen to be working in at the time, without having to leave in computer jargon as "mail-enabled".

another emerging breed of software called groupware. Working in conjunction with email, it is based on the principle that the structure of work is really done on a network of subtle and informal relationships, not in formai channels or hierarchies. It is also emerging as four key technologies are starting to come together — the graphical user interface (GUI). Traditionally, applications for computers have been pigeonholed

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into camps such as spreadsheets, word processing and graphics. Work rarely falls into such neat categories but is done as a process, not as a series of automated, unconnected tasks.

Today's "compound document contains information from different sources and users should be able to work with a number of packages simultaneously

and have access to them from inside the document they happen to be working with at the

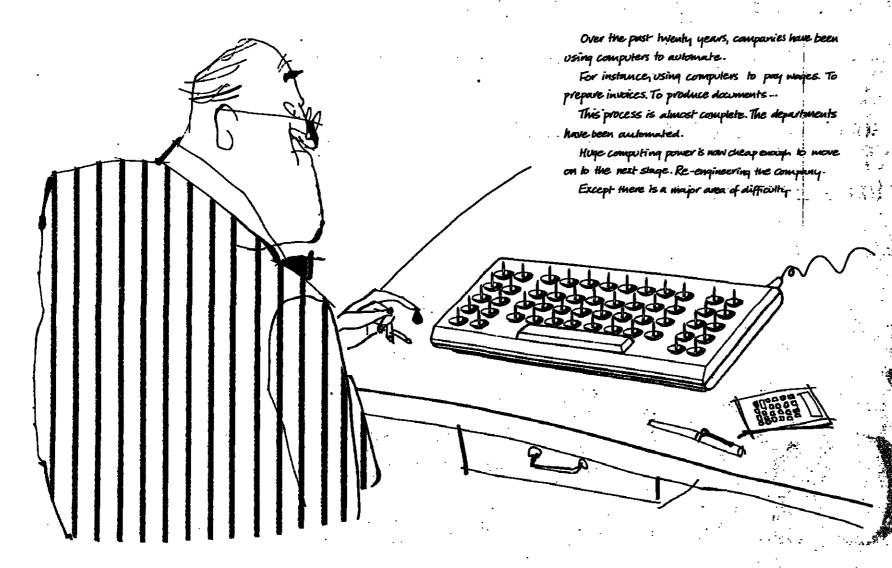
Essentially groupware is the software glue that, in an ideal world, ties these technologies together by enabling people, no matter where they are or what they do. to create, organise, access and share information (such as text, spreadsheets, graphics and scanned images) using personal compu-

Though a lot of groupware licenses have been sold, it is still not dear how the software will develop. Groupware answers many of the questions not answered by previous types of software but, by itself, it is not enough. Groupware removes only some of the technology barriers to successful officebased computer projects.

Historically, this is an area in which many organisations have found difficulty. Only by analysing these issues can they have any confidence that technology is being considered for the benefits it brings to the business as a whole.

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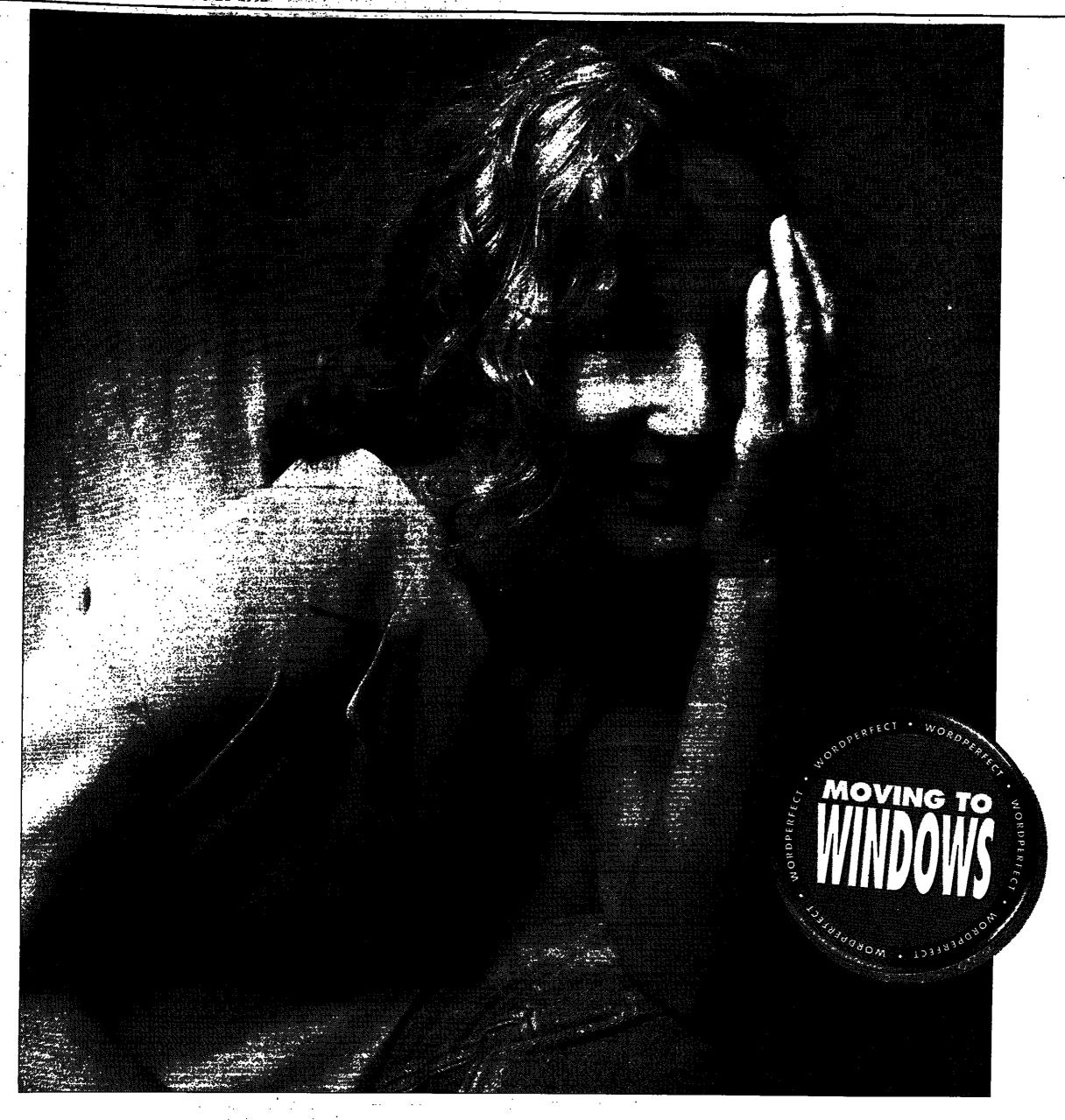
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A CD-I player: CD-I — Compact Disc Interactive — may one day replace the video-tape recorder

# Compact discs set to go interactive

home entertainment sys-tem that could eventually lead to video programmes recorded on compact disc rather than tape will be introduced to Britain next week. The system — Compact Disc Interactive (CD-I) - may one day even replace the home video-recorder, although it will at first be promoted as a multimedia format that stores sound, video-clips, text, graphics and animation.

The discs can be played on a special deck, which plugs into a home television and stereo system and is operated by a remote control handset. The machine will also play music CDs.

"CD-I will offer consumers a new entertainment form: interactivity," says Gaston Bastiaens, director of Philips interactive media systems. "Users will control what they see and hear on a television screen." The difficulty for Philips is that

many people have little experience of interactive systems; most of it is limited to cash dispensers or pointof-information kiosks in a shop or

building society.
Last year, Commodore, the computer company, introduced a rival multimedia system called CDTV. but it was a commercial failure. However, Philips is optimistic about CD-I's prospects because several Japanese consumer electronics companies, including Sony. Panasonic, JVC, Pioneer and Yamaha, support the format. It is also backed by leading publishers and software companies such as Time-Life, Warner and Bertelsmann. Philips claims that CD-I has sold well in the United States since its October launch.

CD-I is just one of several CD systems due to be offered in Britain this year. This month Sony will introduce the Data Discman, a hand-held "electronic book" which plays miniature CDs, storing up to 100,000 pages of text and simple A new CD player will display video-clips, text, graphics and animation - but at

a price. George Cole views the future

graphics. Selling for about £350, the Data Discman will display information on a small LCD

This summer, Kodak will market Photo CD, a format allowing users to store up to 100 photographs on a CD and watch them on the television. Photo CD discs will also play on CD-I decks. Philips and Nintendo, the Jap-

anese computer games company, is developing low-cost games discs that will be compatible with CD-L

In Japan, JVC and Sega, a games company, sell WonderMega, a multiamusement machine, which plugs into a television and plays com-

puter games stored on a CD. The first European CD-I decks will sell for about £600 and discs will cost between £15 and £60. Philips expects to have about 40 CD-I titles at the launch next Monday, and will then introduce

up to five new titles a month. The discs will be a mix of information, education and entertainment titles. Some will teach users how to play a musical instrument or take photographs. Other discs will be designed to help children read and count.

CD-I will be initially sold in London and the South-East, and the format is due to reach the rest of Britain by late summer. Philips also plans to display CD-I at shopping centres around Britain this summer. However, these early machines will not offer a new CD-I feature — full-motion video. When work started on CD-I more than five years ago, designers thought that it would be impossible

to store moving video on a CD-I disc because it uses up a huge amount of data. At a recent conference in San Francisco, Philips demonstrated video-clips taken from a CD-I disc and explained that

the discs can store

more than an hour

of motion video.

The company also

pointed out that in the United States, it

costs software com-

panies about \$3 to

duplicate a VHS

tape, five times the

'Films on a CD are clearly going to happen'

cost of pressing a CD. Unlike videotape, CD-I discs do not wear out and do not suffer from the split in television standards, which means that a video-tape bought in the US will not play in a European video-

A CD-I disc will play on any CD-I deck anywhere in the world. Warner Home Video predicts that this year the British video software market will sell about 50 million pre-recorded tapes, worth £400 million. Video rentals will account for another £500 million. Philips is therefore developing the micro-chips so the decks can play motion video-discs.

The new-style CD-I machines will appear later this year and existing owners will be able to buy an upgrade cartridge for their CD-I players.
Several music companies are planning to launch CD-I music videos and others are developing short "interactive movie" discs, which will allow users to decide HIMES ERIDA

how the plot develops.

At present, CD-I discs cannot store full-length films, which can last for two or three hours, but Nimbus Records, a British company based in Monmouth, is developing a high-density CD that vill store four times more information than existing discs.

"Films on a CD are clearly going to happen, says Barry Humphreys. Warner Home Video's sales director. "We look forward to re-leasing our VHS titles on disc. But given the penetration of videorecorders around the world nearly three quarters of UK households have at least one VCR - films on CD will not form a significant market for a while."

Next year, Kodak will introduce Photo CD Interactive, a system that will enable home users to produce their own CDs. The discs will consist of photographs, text, speech and music supplied by the consumer. The company argues that the service will be ideal for wedding and family discs. These new discs will be produced at a photographic laboratory equipped with a special Photo CD production system, but future discs may be made at home.

Companies such as Philips, Meridian and Kenwood already produce professional recordable CD (CD-R) players costing several thousands of pounds. These machines work like a tape deck, except that the information is recorded on a blank CD costing about £20. Though it is technically possible

to develop a CD-I player that can record as well as play back video pictures, such machines are unlikely to appear in the near future because of copyright objections from film and music companies. The days of the home video-tape record-

## IBM price surprise

IBM has announced a powerful but relatively low-cost computer that could compete for customers with the company's multimillion pound mainframes.

Mainframes and associated equipment are IBM's most the company once jealously guarded from compention by its other divisions.

Mainframes are favoured by such heavy-duty computer users as banks and insurance companies. The fact that IBM appears to be pitting the new £82,000 computer work-station against mainframes shows how the world's largest computer maker is changing its ways. The technology in the new machine will eventually find its way into the personal computers that IBM and Apple Computer will make under their alliance announced last

#### Moving money



LEADING cellular phone opcrators in the US are planning to revamp their networks so they can send computer data as easily as voices. The new technology will enable portable computer users to send and receive electronic mail messages more easily than over today's cellular systems. IBM developed the technology, which has been refined by the cellular firms.

It also could allow the development of such novelties as portable bank cash machines for use at temporary sites such as county fairs, and vending machines that send a message when they need

#### Joint study

JAPAN'S NEC and France's Bull are to meet in Paris in June to plan joint development of the next generation mainframe computers. Cooperation on the project was part of an agreement made when NEC bought a 4.7 per cent stake in Bull last July.

Analysts said that cooperation would be limited to software development because NEC is more advanced than Bull in mainframe systems and would need no help in that area.

The new mainframe would be more powerful than any developed by either of the aimed mainly at European and American markets.

#### Super view

THE European Community wants to spend 850 million Ecu (about £605 million) in incentives to promote its HD-Mac system of high-definition

television. Filippo Maria Pandolfi and Jean Dondelinger, EC Commissioners, said the money, if approved by an EC ministerial council, would be used to help broadcasters, cable operators and programme producers switch to the new system. The aid package is part of

the EC's attempt to introduce the so-called D2-Mac Europe-an standard for satellite broadcasts, which is supposed to result in a better picture in a wide-screen 16-9 width-toheight format.

D2-Mac is a stage half-way to the full European HD-Mac standard and has twice as many horizontal lines across the picture tube, which will eventually generate a pin-sharp image of high-defini-tion television (HDTV).

#### Star theft

A LOS Angeles rocket scientist has been sentenced to 30 months in prison and fined \$250,000 for selling classified US software used in the the Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars) weapons programme to Japanese and South African organisations. A federal judge allowed Ronald Hoffman to remain

free on \$1 million bail, pending appeal. Prosecutors said Japanese companies and South African agents paid Mr Hoffman about \$750,000 between 1986 and 1990 for the technology, which Mr Hoff-man had claimed was not covered by US arms export restrictions.

The software is used to research and develop Star Wars programmes. The project is aimed at creating an anti-missile space shield to detect missile launchings and destroy incoming rockets.

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D experimenting with a computer system that can correctly distinguish a cyclist from a pedestrian on a railway crossing snapped by a surveillance

Logica of Cambridge, and London Underground, have been harnessing a similar advanced computing system the concentration of pas-sengers on a platform. With 97 per cent accuracy, the system has shown itself superior to conventional computing

A further example of this form of computing is being tested at the intensive care unit of Southampton General Hos-pital. It has been linked with a monitor that records such vital signs as pulse rate, heartbeat and blood pressure in the hope that the computer will be able to tell more accurately whether a patient is in danger, thereby reducing the number of false

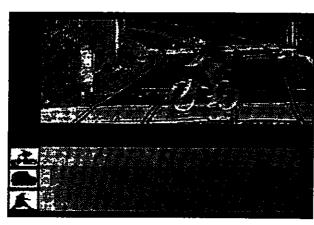
These experimental systems are all examples of neural network computing — systems that try to mimic the workings of the human brain - and the subject of a new report by the government's Advisory Council on Science and Technol-

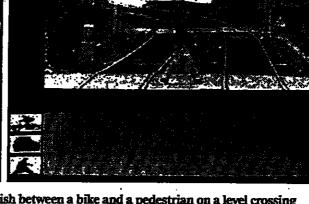
ogy.

A working group of the council's emerging technologies committee says neural networks are fast coming of age. "Neural computing has reached the stage of maturity and promise where full and

#### Nick Nuttall reports on progress in developing neural networks

If only they had a proper brain inside





An experimental neural-network system can distinguish between a bike and a pedestrian on a level crossing

careful consideration of means exploitation is both timely and vital," argues the working group, chaired by Leonard Maunder, professor of mechanical engineering at New-

castle University. Japan, where companies and research institutes have already devised a neural computing chip and where Hitachi plans to launch a commercial neurocomputer within three years, is playing a leading international role in developing the technology. Britain, which has a small but eager research base, is well placed to exploit neural network computing within national and European-led progammes such as Esprit, says the report.

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Wherever the blame may lie, it is only

have emerged that are firm enough

British customs, which has for the

past 20 years been ahead of the rest of

Europe in computerising customs

To realise this potential, however, academics and industrialists will need to cooperate more, the report argues. Existing technology transfer initiatives and the current mechanisms

for managing the funding of research will not alone be sufficient to ensure the successful exploitechnology," the report says.

The end-users of neural networks, who
will gain most from their million in 1988. A special development, should have a greater say in decisions on government-funded research and development, the working

group says. The report emphasises the importance of gaining the confidence and cooperation of small as well as big technology companies.

The Acost working group has thus made

A body needs to be set up to manage research

ket expected to body should be set up by the Information Technology Advisory Board to manage neural network research, disseminate

results and stimulate training

a series of recommendatploitation of neural com-puting in Britain in order to exploit a mar-

in industry and commerce. The report also recommends stimulating smaller firms' interest in neural networks through a governmentfunded consultancy scheme to encourage them to use the new technology.

The business justification of

researching into and using neural networks needs to be emphasised, through demonstration projects in different fields of industry and commerce. The working group also believes the Centre for the Exploitation of Science and Technology (Cest), in coopera-tion with industry and the trade and industry depart-ment, should have the task of making potential applications for neural networks a priority.

Such areas could include speech-controlled household appliances, including washing machines, as well as vehicle safety systems' monitoring, manufacturing and medical screening. The report highlights two areas of potential application that should be part of the Cest list. One is in the financial services industry, to improve credit scoring and : bad debt. More : than £30 billion of loans credit-card, personal, hire purchase and mortgage - are granted each year to several million applicants.
The report adds: "While

current techniques do vary, little improvement has occurred in this area, which is so critical to the profitability and social responsibility of the institution." At least one company, Nestor, in the US, is using neural computing for mortgage lending decisions although the system is at an early stage. Neural networks could help to improve predictions of interest-rate movements, where bad decisions can cost a business millions of pounds, as well as in currency,

gold, and share speculation.

A recent report by the Bank of England found that in interest forecasts, only one analyst had "any consistent record in accurately predicting rates". Neural networks are already showing promise over

● Artificial Neural Networks: A report of the Advisory Council on Science and Technology. HMSO.

# Software confusion over EC trade changes New customs systems could herald single market problems

hen the customs barriers come down all over Europe next New Year's Day, most people believe that all the paperwork and import-export computer systems will disappear with them.

They are wrong. The customs declarations will go, but vill be replaced by VAT returns and a European Community statistics system. The end result will be less work in the long term — 60 million fewer import and export declarations a year in the EC — seven million of them in

But some change will have to be made in the next eight months to the computer programs of the 130,000 British companies involved in trade with EC countries. Up to 30,000 of the larger traders, which import or export more than £140,000 worth of goods a year, will have to enter data into a new EC statistical system called

Despite warnings from the Cus-toms & Excise of what is about to hit them, few of the computer departments of these companies have fully realized what they have to do before the end of the year. And much of the software industry has not made any £1290. 60Mb hard disk, 4Mb memory, COMPUTER software industry harbacklit LCD VGA screen. Complete with 3 COMPUTER The problem is worsened because companies have traditionally farmed

procedures, wants companies to submit the new intra-EC VAT returns not only on paper, but preferably on magnetic tape, floppy disc or, direct from a trader's computer straight into the customs computer. Some of Britain's biggest firms see MORSE 78 High Holborn, London WC1. 071-831 0644 out the preparation of their importance of the preparation of their importance of the preparation of their importance of the preparation of the preparation

to build systems on.

roins-clearance tasks, many agents have decided to close down, with the loss of more than 1,000 staff around the Port of Dover alone, throwing the task back on the traders, whose computer departments have little experience of shipping systems. Some traders blame the unreadiness on the slow emergence of the new VAT regulations from Brussels. The European Commission, however, throws the blame back on member states, which it says have been slow to agree the shape of the new VAT regime. New regulations are not likely to become law until September. in the past month that guidelines the first time and to use the single

market's Intrasat statistics to improve their own management information. and revamp their shipping systems.

A few are even rethinking their distribution-chains to mainland Europe and for these companies. 1993 is an opportunity not just a

Jeremy Moxon, an internal auditor at Lucas Industries, has done this kind of review for his company but believes that medium-size companies the begining of next year as a chance to move to electronic VAT returns for and horror at what he has to say are less prepared. They register shock

about the short-term difficulties of splitting the processing of intra and extra-EC trade. He suggests such traders set up joint single market project teams with customs authorities to guide them over the immediate hump of January 1 1993, meanwhile trying to convince the the traders that in the long term, the statistics required will be useful to the running of their businesses.

Both the customs and other bodies such as the Simpler Trade Procedures Board are building up their programme of seminars to show firms on what has to be done.

Some transport companies are joining in advising customers on the changes and offering software services. This is seen as a good way to retain their customers, especially as they are hoping the single market will stimulate business.

The software industry, which should perhaps have seen the single market as a potentially huge moneyspinner, has so far been disappointing in its response, particularly those firms that write programs for larger computers.

Smaller software houses, like Vistec Express, which have specialized in export systems, are about to bring out packages for the new VAT regime

while firms that write accounting packages for personal computers. such as Pegasus and Sage, will be bringing new export-import mod-

KPMG, a consultancy, has seen an opportunity to help the slower software houses, by translating the new regulations from VAT jargon into 50 pages of computer jargon so the software houses can write their new

VAT systems quickly.

The next eight months are going to be nail-biting ones for everybody involved in foreign trade. Not only will British traders have to change their system but customs will have to complete its own software to handle the new VAT returns.

As part of the removal of EC customs barriers, the European Commission is installing a network throughout the 12 member states to allow each state to pass trade statistics to the others, and to query VAT regis-

tration numbers in pursuit of fraud. There is a silver lining. However unprepared we are, our continental partners are even less prepared. Teams from big continental companies are attending British seminars and there is an opportunity here, if traders and the software industry moves fast, to show other EC countries how to do it.

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# Young designers find strength in numbers

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ironwork for Riyadh, Saudi Ara-

bia. while Neil Bottle has a con-

tract to supply £14,000-worth of

textiles to Singapore and Hong

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"Good grief! It's an

April shower!"

A RECENTLY launched group to help fledgling design businesses grow will be among the exhibitors at the Interior Design Interna- crucial, especially so in overseas tional Exhibition at Earls Court, markets. Selling abroad is seen as

West London, from May 17 to 21. Vest London, from May 17 to 21. a key sales strategy and already there are opportunities around the Business and 20 of its 53 members will be showing innovative Pacific rim, in the Middle East, Germany. The Netherlands as designs in furniture, lighting and textiles. About a third of the businesses in the group are run by women and the average age of group members is 25. Their locations range from Glasgow to Brighton.

Sponsorship is helping to meet the costs of exhibiting and the group hopes to raise £20,000 this

So far. £12,000 has been secured from sources that include Cilntec, the city and inner London training and enterprise council; the Business Design Centre, Is-lington; the Rural Development Commission; and the London Enterprise Agency.

The goods produced by the group include ceramics, glass, wallcoverings and graphics. A poster directory showing work from each of the group members is about to be launched. The directory is aimed primarily at architects, interior designers and other pro-

The main thrust of the group is to promote growth via co-ordin-ation of marketing and promotion

By Iola Smith

ORDERS for murals and minaret decorations from oil-rich Gulf and the provision of in-service shaikhs are enabling a small Welsh ceramic tile company to Exhibiting as a group is seen as prosper in the recession. The family owned Craig Bragdy Design company, of Denbigh, Clwyd, has doubled its workforce to 30 and increased its turnover to £600,000 during the last nine months after a campaign to open up markets in the Middle East.

Nick Powell, a director, said:
"About 95 per cent of our output is exported to light region. Although orders fell slightly during the Gulf war, we are currently designing numerous tile murals for Saudi palaces and mosques."

This is a far cry from the company's humble origins 20 years ago, when Nick's parents — potters Rhys and Jean Powell — made piggy banks for children and small murals for Liverpool pubs. They expanded into large wall murals for Cheshire hospitals and restaurants. Orders were slow and the Powell family realised that they had to find fresh markets. An order for a ceramic tile mu-

decided to drum up business there by literally banging on doors.

This resulted in commissions to design swimming pools for Saudi princes and murals for their palaces. They also produced interior designs for Middle Eastern offices and created a clock that ended up

ral from the Oatar national petro-

leum company gave them a foot-hold in the Middle East. So they



Small Welsh firm exports to Gulf

on a traffic roundabout in Jedda. Nick Powell explained: "Depending on the size of a commission, it takes us between 12 and 16 weeks to design, manufacture and install the ceramic design. All the work is done by hand. We start by drawing the design on the clay and then cutting and firing the tiles. Each one is then glazed and coated with either 22-carat gold, copper or platinum before being flown out to the Middle East for

installation." The price of a mural ranges from £300 per square metre to £6,000. The largest project to be undertaken by the company is an 800 square-metre commission to design 12 decorated domes

for a new mosque. A happy client is more likely to recommend the Powells to friends and this is important because the company obtains its business through personal contacts rather than advertising. Although the

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company is concentrating most of its activities in the Middle East. it is continuing to undertake some commissions in the UK.

Unlike many of his counterparts in other small businesses, Nick is optimistic. He said: "This financial year we have had more work than ever and our order books are buoyant for at least the next 18 months. The hard work has paid off and the future is looking good for the company."

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Investment by small businesses has risen for the first time in 18 months, says a report. Capital investment in the second half of last year was 37 per cent higher than in the first half, according to the National Westminster Bank small business investment index.

However, businesses increased the amount of term debt used to replace overdraft finance. The index is based on new lending recorded under the NatWest business development loan scheme.

☐ Ten small Wearside manufacturing firms are to link with Dutch counterparts. This follows a two-week visit to Holland by 16 unemployed local graduates for market research. Several Dutch firms are seeking exclusive markets with some of the businesses. Similarly, unemployed Dutch graduates have visited Tyne and Wear to research the market on behalf of small businesses in Holland.

The exchange project, spon-sored by Wearside Tec, is run by Eindhoven Polytechnic and Project North East, the Newcastle upon Tyne enterprise agency. More exchanges are planned with Germany, Spain and again with

☐ The Shell technology enterprise programme, the nationwide scheme for giving undergraduates work experience with smaller businesses, has been doubled in size for this year. About 800 will be placed. Details from most local enterprise agencies.

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5 /05 MILAN FAIR 4 Mas K George 8-11-6 H Davies
6 0-00 MR GIPPER 74 M Brown 5-11-6 J Brown
7 4 NORTHERN CREST B Mrs S Witams 6-11-6 D Richmond (7)

8 5 ROBALTO 38 Mm J Retter 5-11-6 M A Fitzgerald (3)
9 SHARAGIL 885F W Reed 5-11-6 R Guest
10 P/P CHEZ POLLY 10 P Hedger 6-11-1 D O'Sulvan [3]
11 P HOME LOAN 6 (N) J Moore 5-11-1 A Charlton
12 PF BOLT OF GOLD 15 L Waing 4-10-9 D Matthews (7)
13 P5 DO THE RIGHT THING 29F J Cod 4-10-9 T Grantham
14 PP WINTER HAZEL 13 J Lisseph 4-10-9 J Frost
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9- Century Port, 7-2 Grand Fiere, 9-2 Northern Crest, 6-1 Robalto, 8-1 Cannon's Way, 10-1 others

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1 2-61 LAPIAFFE 6 (F.G.S) R Hodges 8-11-8 R Durwoody
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9 /3P WILBUR 38 R Bucker B-11-2 Mr C Borner (7)
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11 630P WOODLAND MINSTREL 6 M Pge 7-11-2 J Frost
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7.45 HEMYOCK NOVICES CHASE

(£1.606, 3m) (13)

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# Mile is Rudimentary's forte

HENRY Cecil has set backers a problem at Sandown today by declaring both Desert Sun and Rudimentary for the group two Forte Mile. Both were ridden first time out by Pat Eddery, who now partners Desert Sun for Prince Khalid Al Saud, leaving Steve Cauthen to don Lord Howard de Walden's famous apricot colours on Rudimentary.

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Section Section 1

Eddery remains convinced that Desert Sun is capable of winning a race of this nature if only he were to do on the race track what he consistently does on Newmarket Heath in the early morning. The fact remains, though, the only time that Desert Sun has lived up to his reputation at home was at Doncaster last

MANDARIN

(nap). 4.45 Jood. 5.20 Modernise.

GOING: GOOD

(2-Y-O: £2,343) (10 runners)

2.00 Princess Oberon. 2.35 Distinct Thatcher. 3.05 Olifantsfontein. 3.40 Rudimentary. 4.10 SATIN LOVER

THUNDERER

3.05 Macfarlane.

4.45 Jood

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 RUDIMENTARY.

2 ALWAYS RISKY 32 (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 8-11. \_ ...

BETTING: 9-4 Margaret's Gdf, 11-4 Princess Oberon, 5-1 Holly Golightly, 11-2 Always Risky, 9-1 Risk Me's Grif, 12-1 Brief Habit. Poca Pierna.

FORM FOCUS

ALWAYS RISKY 1/zl 2nd to George Roper at Folke-stonic 151, hosavy) BRIEF HABIT (foaled Mer 14, cost 14, 200gnet) half-scate to 51 winner Nordic Binet EASY TOUCH 10th of 11 to Luckdicsome at Wolver-hampton (51, heavy) FULL EXPOSURIE (Feb 19, 5,000gns) paster by Sharpo to 71 purenile winner Mass

1991: FIFE 8-6 R Hills (25-1) B-Hills 5 ran

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DISTINCT THATCHER 3 4th of 8 to Twest And Turn
In Newmarket (1m 1f. good) issled race
BINKHALDOUN 7f 9th of 30 to Young Seror in
Newmarket (7f. good in firm) conditions race
JITTERBUGGING 11 vi 6th of 7 to Lon Cavern in
group B Vodafone Horis Hilf Stakes at Newbury (7f.
60yd. good) on final start MUHAAYA beat Ivana vi

301 (6) 40411-5 TERRHARS 35 (CD.F.G) (H Bambrook) R Hennon 4-10-0. ... R Perham (5) 212 (15) 45000. BOLD LEZ 183 (CD.F.G) (Ansels of Watford) M Heynes 5-9-12 ... J Williams

Long handicap: Misdemeanours Girl 7-6, Ski Captein 7-3, Mu-Amk 6-12.
BETTING: 13-2 Ciriantstontein, 7-1 Mediartane, 8-1 Plain Fact, Terrhers, 9-1 Bold Lez, 10-1 Amber Mil Masnun, Choir Practice El Yasat, 12-1 others

1991: ACCESS TRAVEL 5-8-11 L Detton (15-2) R Boss 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

3.05 FORTE POSTHOUSE HANDICAP (£4,614: 5f 6yd) (20 runners)

1991: WALK THAT WALK 8-11 M Roberts (3-1) C Brittam Fran . - - - - -

2.00 GARDNER MERCHANT MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES

2.35 HARVESTER GRADUATION STAKES

(3-Y-O: £4,081: 1m 14yd) (9 runners)

2.00 Princess Oberon. 2.35 Distinct Thatcher.

Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.00 Princess Oberon. 3.40 DESERT SUN (nap).

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2 ALWAYS RISKY 32 (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 8-11. C Abstrussen —
BRIEF HABIT (M Channon) M Channon 8-11 B Rouse —
0 EASY TOUCH 18 (Society Syndicate) M Usher 8-11 C Rutter —
FULL EXPOSURE (Mrs S Davis) W Jarvis 8-11 M Tebbutt —
HOLLY GOLIGHTLY (V Betrens) R Hannon 8-11 M Roberts —
MARGARET'S GIFT (Mrs T Holdcrott) J Berry 8-13 Pat Eddery —
POCO PIERNA (Mrs C Viney) W Carler 8-11 L Detror! —
PRINCESS OBERON (R Microelson) M Bell 8-11. M Hitls —
RISK ME'S GIRL (Rotchale Lid) R Hennon 8-11 W R Swindown —
SEDGY'S SISTER (J Read) P Jones 8-11. A McGlone —
argaret's Gift. 11-4 Princess Oberon, 5-1 Holly Golightte, 11-2 Absence Radio 4-1 State Maio

September when he beat the subsequent Sun Chariot Stakes winner Ristna impressively by five lengths.
On his seasonal debut nine

days ago. Desert Sun again disappointed when he finished only fifth behind Sure Sharp in the Earl of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket with Flashfoot, another of today's runners, third. To be fair to Desert Sun, he might have found the nine-furlong trip that day too far, added to which he almost certainly needed the race if judged on how hard he blew afterwards.

While George Robinson, our Newmarket Correspondent, clearly expects an improved performance from

3.40 DESERT SUN (nap). 4.10 Satin Lover.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

am content to look elsewhere until an element of consistency creeps into his record. In this instance I shall side with Rudimentary, who gave warning that a prize such as this was beckoning when he made light of ten stone in a handi-

cap at Newbury 13 days ago. A half-brother by Nureyev to Kris and Diesis, Rudimentary has probably only just achieved the strength and muscle to match his frame. That performance at Newbury where he beat 18 rivals by seven lerigths in the fastest

RICHARD EVANS

2.35 Jitterbugging. 3.40 RUDIMENTARY

than anything he achieved last mar even his defeat of Charles in the Main Reef States at Newmarket. The presence of last year's

Eclipse stakes winner Environment Friend, Sikeston, a Royal Ascot winner who has been called on to deputise for Mystiko, the French challenger Goofalik, Mukadd-amah and Zoman makes this an absorbing contest.

It will be Mukaddamah's first race since he underwent an operation to cure a soft palate and were he to repro-duce the form that almost enabled him to win the Prix du Moulin at Longchamp last September, when he was caught on the line by Priolo. Desert Sun this afternoon, I time of the day was better the would be hard to beat.

A good run by Zoman, a length second to in The Groove in this same race, will be a pointer to the chances of stable-companion Dilum in the 2,000 Guineas.

A win for Rudimentary can

trigger a double for Cauthen. who nides my nap Satin Lover in the American Express Handicap. A combination of lack of fitness and stamina resulted in him being beaten into third over two miles on his seasonal debut at Newbury a fortnight ago. With that run under his belt he should be spot on now that his distance has also been trimmed to a mile and threequarters.

# Guineas booking, page 32 3.40 FORTE MILE (Gloup II: £39,885: 1m 14yd) (12 runners)

 Mulicaddamah will not run il there is overnight rain
BETTING: 3-1 Rudmentary, 4-1 Desert Sun, 6-1 Museddamah, 6-1 Gootalis, Environment Friend, 10-1 Zoman, 12-1 Flashloot, 14-1 Saaston, Lovestoch, 20-1 Enharmonic, 25-1 others 1991: IN THE GROOVE 4-9-3 S Cauthen (15-8) D Elsworth 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 41 2nd; of, 7 to Suave Dence in Irish Champion Stever at Leopardstown (in 21, good to larth) no penultimate start with 2OMAN (4th better off) 341 5th Stever off) 3741 5th Sear Six ESTON beat Lara's (see 21 at Capanelle (1m 21, see 1) 1 to Exit To Nowhere in GOOFALIX 244 3rd of 11 to Exit To Nowhere in group it Prix Edmond Banc at Saint-Cloud (1m, https://doi.org/10.1011/j.com/10.1011/j.

4.10 AMERICAN EXPRESS HANDICAP (E4,328: 1m 6f) (9 roinheis) 

FORM FOCUS

LIFT AND LOAD 1941 3rd of 8 to Luchroverte at 1 (1m 4I, good) SATIN LOVER 23al 3rd to Go South Doncaster (1m 4I, good) STAR PLAYER beal Farat All Newbury (2m) with HONEY DANCER 15th MRS All All Newbury (2m) with HONEY DANCER 15th MRS BARTON 2441 4th of 8 to Shoole at Chester (2m) Selection: COMSTOCK

| 201 | 91 | 11-4 DISTINCT THATCHER 8 (F) (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-5 | Pat Eddery 9-99 | 202 | 10 | BINKHALDOUN 205 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-2 | R Hills 9-8 | 203 | 31 | 166- JITTERBUGGING 183 (G) (R Sangster) B Hilts 9-2 | D Holtand 91 | 204 | 51 | MUHAYAA 9 (D,G) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-2 | W R Swinburn 9-6 | 205 (71 | 52-3 BIG BLUE 13 (Mrs C Miller) C Brittem 8-11 | W Rownes 9-2 | W R Swinburn 9-6 | 205 (81 | 00 - CANNONALE 228 (R Langley) J Pearce 8-11 | W Nownes 9-2 | W Nownes 9-2 | 207 (41 | 2 | HAMAS 8 (BF) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walevyn 8-11 | W Carson 90 | 208 (21 | 00 - SADLER'S WAY 165 (A Richards) G Lewis 8-11 | Paul Eddery 9-2 | 209 (61 | 3 - SIR OLIVER 202 (Ms S Joyner) R Hodges 8-11 | R Cochrane 74 | BETTING: 13-8 Distinct Thatcher, 11-4 Hamss, 7-2 Muhayas, 8-1 Big Blue, 10-1 Alterbugging, 12-1 | 1991: FIFE 8-6 R Hids 125-11 B-Hills 5 ran **4.45** FORTE AIRPORT SERVICES MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,469: 1m 2f 7yd) (15 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Party Cited, 3-1 Shirley Valentine, 4-1 Jood, 13-2 Anghaam, 10-1 Vernonis, Donle, Marabou, 12-1 Kembicky Startlet, 14-1 others:

1991; IKEBANA 8-7 W Ryan (13-2) H Cocil 13 ran FORM FOCUS

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5.20 RING & BRYMER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,465; 1m 2f 7yd) (5 runners) 1 (1) 21- MODERNISE 204 (F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 9.7 Par Eddery 92
2 (4) 31212-0 JAIRZINHO 14 (F,G) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 9.7 M Roberts © 99
3 (5) 2218-4 BOLD STROKE 14 (F) (I Wisson) J Dunlop 9.3 W Carson 95
4 (2) 621-5 WILD FIRE 28 (BF,F) (Sir P Oppenheumer) G Wragg 8-11 W R Swinburn 93
5 (3) 1-0 NATIONAL EMBLEM 13 (D,G) (F Salmen) P Cole 8-11 A Munro 90
BETTING: 11-8 Modernise, 5-2 Bold Stroke, 100-30 Jairzenho, 7-1 National Emblem, 12-1 Wild Fre

1991; GOLD LAW 3-9-2 T Quant (6-1) P Cole 11 ran FORM FOCUS

MODERNISE best Karen Louise 11 at Newmarket (71, good to firm). JAIRZINHO 11-1 2nd to Jape in group 11 at Capannelle (1m 21, heavy) last year SOLD STROKE 12 4th of 17 to Amaze at Newbury (1m, good to soft) with JAIRZINHO (1th better oft). **COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

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TERRHARS 6 5th of 15 to Amon in Doncaste (5), good) fundicap with SKI CAPTAIN (same terms) 2'-1 9th beal Absolution 3d at Newbury (5), good) with MACFARLANE (10th better off) 11-5h, BOLD LEC (14th better off) 13-17th, LOVE LEGEND (15th better off) 3d 1-17th, LOVE LEGEND (15th better off) 4'-1 9th LUCEDEO (15th better off) 2 tolon, Et. (14sh better off) 4'-1 15th better off) 3d 1-1 th and AUGHFAD (4th better off) 4'-1 15th better off) 3d 1-1 th and AUGHFAD (4th better off) 4'-1 15th better off) 4'-1 15th beat HABD TO FIGURE (5th worse off) 4'-1 on 15 humar Goodwood (6f, good to lirm) handicap with GREEN DOLLAR (5th better off) 3d 1-1 th and MISDEMEANOURS GIRL (6th better off) 3d 1-1 th and MISDEMEANOURS GIRL (6th better off) 3d 1-1 th and MISDEMEANOURS GIRL (6th better off) 3d 1-1 th and MISDEMEANOURS GIRL (6th better off) 3d 1-1 th and MISDEMEANOURS GIRL (6th better off) 3d 1-1 th and MISDEMEANOURS GIRL (6th better off) 3d 1-1 th and AUGHFAD (4th better off) 3d 1-1 th and AUGHFAD (4th better off) 4'-1 th and AUGHFAD (4th better off) 4'-1 th and AUGHFAD (4th better off) 4'-1 th better off) 2'-1 th and AUGHFAD (4th better off) 4'-1 th better off) 4'-1 th and AUGHFAD (4th better off) 4'-1 th and AUGHFAD (4th better off) 4'-1 th b THUNDERER

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3.20 General Brooks.
3.50 Desired Guest.
4.20 Karamoja. 2.45 Never So Sure. 3.20 General Brooks. 3.50 Desired Guest. 4.20 Karamoja. 4.55 Ma Bella Luna. 4.55 Ma Bella Luna. 5.25 Eurotwist GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT) DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 PEREGRINE FALCON HANDICAP (\$2,363: 5f 207yd) (14 runners)

1991: GONDO 4-8-18 M HB/s (8-1) E Alaton 16 ran

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE 3.20 EBF BUZZARD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,499: 5f) (6 runners) 1 (5) GENERAL BROOKS (Mrs K Hibbert) J Berry 9-0 J Certoll Control of Control

1991: WINDPOWER 9-0 J Carroll (7-4 tav) J Berry 12 ran

3.50 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O colts & geldings: £2,049: 6f 206yd) (4 runners)

4.20 GOLDEN EAGLE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: \$2,382; 71 214yd) (7 runners) 1 (7) S315- TRAFALGAR BOY 171 (D.S) (W Armdagal J Etherington 97 ..... J Weavet (7) 92
2 (8) 31008-0 PERS.AAL HAZARD 14 (F) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 93 ..... M Birch 83
3 (2) 0412-25 NICELY THANKS 16 (D.S) (W Spink) T Barron 9-3 ..... Alax Greates 90
4 (1) 1 KARAMOJA 18 (S) (P Jectos) N Grahem 9-0 ..... J Guinn 9-99
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7 (5) 0-81852 AKUH:A 16 JJ.S7 (B Morgan) M Johnston 8-2 ..... R P Elliott 90
BETTING: 31 Karamoja, 7-2 Asurs, 9-2 Lowlands Boy, 13-2 Personal Hazard, Coastal Express, 7-1 Nicely Thanks, 10-1 Trafatgar B-7;
1991: GYMCRAK PREMIERE 9-5 M Birch (2-1 fav) M H Easterby) 9 ran

4.55 SPARROW HAWK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,369: 7f 214yd) (5 runners)

1991: KAZOO 8-11 D McKeown (1-3 lav) J Watts 3 ran

5.25 MERLIN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,402: 1m 4f) (9 runners) 

BETTING: 5-2 Perforate, 11-4 Said Al Adel, 9-2 Salu, 13-2 Fastighter, 9-1 Timund, 12-1 Thor Power, 14-1 Eurotwist, 20-1 others. 1991: CRIMSON CLOUD 9-7 Kim Tinkler (20-1) N Tinkler 13 ran

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THUNDERER 5.45 Pere Bazille. 6.15 Floret. 6.45 Pantechnicon. 7.15 Grand Frere. 7.45 Celtic Diamond. 8.15

5.45 APRIL AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,479: 2m 3f) (13 runners)

1 0205 PASSED PAWN 71 (6.5) M Pipe 5-12-0... D Pipe (7)
2 0541 PERE BAZILLE 29 (V.C.F.G.) P Nacholis 5-10-9
R Farrant (7)
3 PS-P EASTERN QUARTET 10 (9) J Moore 8-10-8
C Hamblin (7)
4 -PP2 PLAUSIBLE 10 J Moore 7-10-4....... M Hourigen (7)
5 P003 CROGHAN ROSE 15 (F) G Harwood 7-10-3
Miss A Harwood (8)

5 P003 CROGHAN ROSE 15 (F) G Harwood 7-10-3
Miles A Harwood (3)
5 1306 LANE LAD 4 Mrs J Wonnacott 8-10-0
Mrs C Wonnacott (7)
7 2040 PABREY 29 (B) N Minchell 6-10-0 Miles S Mitchell (7)
8 1904 IBN ZAMAN SS (8,6) D Carry 8-19-0 Miles S Mitchell (7)
9 788 HOLD ON TIGHT 573 R Freet 7-10-0 Miles E Vince (7)
10 //F GRECIAN BUST 100 D Gendos 9-10-0 R Griffiths (7)
11 -PPP COLD MARBLE 847 C A Tucker 7-10-0 Miles Rowe (7)
12 0F0P ROCKRIDGE 6 Mile P Joynis 5-10-0 S Joynes (7)
13 /PP ENBYAR DAN 81 Rises P O'Connact 12-10-0 Miles R Smith (7)
Miles R Smith (7)

Miss R Smith (7) 94 Pers Bazile, 4-1 Passed Pavm, \$1 Pkiusible, 11-2 Croghan Rose, 8-1 Lane Lad, 10-1 Ion Zaman, 14-1 Pabray, 16-1 others.

6.15 MOTORWAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,479: 2m 3f) (12)

9 1804 BAHRAIN QUEEN 171 (F) C Smith 4-10-0 Mr M Ranger 

6.45 CRABTREE PROMOTIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,892: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 5413 PANTECHNICON 13 (CD.F.G.S) A Barrow 12:11-13 S Burrough 2 4032 EVENING RAIN 6 (CD.F.G.S) R Hodges 6:11-3 R Durnwoody 

8.15 LADBROKES LAST HANDICAP

8.15 LADBROKES LAST HANDIUGA-HURDLE (£1 626 2m 110yd) (11)

1 1335 RUSTY ROC 69 (CD,BF,GF,G,S) M Daves 11 11-11
Mr. R. Davis (7)
2 6F61 REDGRAVE GIRL 15 (CD,F,G,S) K Bishop 10-11-4
R. Greene (5)
3 13F0 NO BONUS 197 (CD,F) R Baker 8-11-2. N Colleman
4 6431 SAND-OOLLAR 29 (CD,F,G) J Old 9-10 11 5 McNeel
5 -GSP FOREST FLAME 106 (D,F,S) Mrs. J Renter 7-10-10
M.A. Fritzgerald (3) 6 3111 GOLD MEDAL 36 (D.G.S) M Pipe 4 10-10 P Scudemore P Scudemore
7 4300 CARBONATE 28 (C.D.F.S) R Buckler 7 1033
R Dunwoody
8 0543 SHADES OF PEACE 13 (D.F.S) F Rodford 6 10-0
1 Shoemerk
9 4100 SEATON GIRL 38 (D.F.S) R Frost 8 10-0
15 Frost
16 PSUB RICMAR 6 (B.C.D.F.G.S) J Tapin 3 10-0
Miles L Blacklord (7)

11 PS00 EASTER RAMBLER 16 (B.D.F) R Bennett 10-10-0
W Ederfield W Externed 11-4 Gold Medal, 3-1 Sand-Dollar, 7-2 Redgrave Giri, 8-1 Shades Of Peace, Carbonate, 10-1 Rusty Roc, 14-1 others COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Davies, 3 winners from 9 turners, 33 3%, M Pipe, 56 from 197, 28 4%, Mrs. J. Retter, 7 from 39, 17 9%, R Hodges, 23 from 179, 12 8%, A Barrow, 6 from 47, 12 8%, C Popham, 13 from 108, 12,0%. JOCKEYS: P. Scudamore, 38 winners from 108 index, 33 2%, M A Fitzgerald, 7 from 37, 18 9%, M Richards, 5 from 28, 17 9%, 5 Burrough, 7 from 44, 15 9%, M Coleman, 8 from 64, 12 5%, J. Frost, 9 from 84, 10 7%.

4.00 MOET & CHANDON CHASE

MANDARIN 2.30 Grace Card. 3.00 Leven Baby. 3.30 Wayside Boy. 4.00 Dalkey Sound. 4.30 Night Guest. 5.00 Old Peg. THUNDERER

2.30 Forward Glen. 3.00 Leven Baby. 3.30 Gala Water, 4.00 Dalkey Sound, 4.30 Bertie Boy, 5.00 Brian Beel: 4,30 Bertie Boy.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES) SIS

2.30 LOVAT HOTE \_ NUVICE HURLLE (£2,024: 3m) (6 runners) 

B Storey
B 055P YOKATOLA RUN 76 E Mectaggart 7-10-9
G Thomson (7)
13-8 Grace Card, 3-1 Forward Glen, 4-1 Bixebell Track, 6-1 Easby Hopes, 8-1 Yokatola Run, 16-1 Per Avion.

3.00 CAMPBELL, BOATH CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,038: 3m) (7)

1 2522 LEVEN BABY 60 (S) Mrs G Reveloy 5-11-10
1 Hooge (5)
2 2024 HARPLEY 97 (B.G) S Kettlewell 5-11-3... \$ Teylor (7)
3 5605 TREBONKERS 8 (D.F.S) Mass L Parrell 8-10-11 LO'Hera

11-4 Leven Baby, 7-2 Tres Amigos, 4-1 Quick Tempo, 6-1 Uncle Okver, 8-1 Harpley, 10-1 Trebonkers, 14-1 Source of Magic

3.30 LANGLEY TAYLOR MAIDEN CHASE (£2,266: 3m) (10)

1 FP4P HAMMER 28 P Hobbs 7-11-9. ..... L 2 F853 JUST MASKARAIDER 39 (B) J Charlton 7-11-9 2 F853 JUST MASKARAIDER 39 (B) J Charton 7-11-9
B Storey
3 2323 MISTER MOODY 34 J Johnson 7-11-9 ... A Ordney
4 P-P2 MOULTON BUILL, 45 S Leadbatter 6-11-9 ... C Great
5 R0 MOW CREEK 16 Mrs S Gradburne 9-11-9
Mr J Breatburne
6 4543 WAYSIDE BOY 14 G Richards 7-11-9 ... 6 McCourt
7 P25 GALA WATER 18 T Dun 6-11-4 ... T Reed
8 8522 JUST PRIETEND 6 V Thompson 8-11-4 ... C Maude
10 -255 SHERMAGO 69 (F,G) Mrs J Goodfellow 10-11-4
R Hodge (5)

15-9 Wayarde Boy, 3-1 Just Pretend, 5-1 Moulton Bull, 6-1 Just Maskararder, 8-1 Snermago, 10-1 Mister Moody, 12-1 others

1 2231 LAST 'O' THE BUNCH 55 (F,G,S) G Richards 8-11-11 G McCourt 2 12P2 DALKEY SOUND 13 (D.F.G.S) Mm G Reveloy 9:11-9 M Dwyer 3 4611 BISHOPDALE 13 (CD.F.G.S) W A Stephenson 11-11-8 4 1152 ED8ERG 21 (F.G.S) J Johnson 8-17 8 A Orkney 5 1F00 CAROUSEL ROCKET 13 (D.F.G.S) M Hammond 9-11-5 6 4403 OFF THE BRU 13 (D,G) Mrs S Brackburne 7-11-5

9-4 Delkey Sound, 3-1 Last 'O' The Bunch, 4-1 Bishopdele, 6-1 Edberg, 8-1 Off The Bru, 10-1 Carousel Rocket

4.30 LINLITHGOW & STIRLINGSHIRE HUNTER CHASE (Amaleurs: £1,935: 2m 4f) (7)

1 -45B DARK DAWN 31 (D,S) W A Stephenson 8-12-8 2 1-41 NIGHT GUEST 18 (CD,F,G,S) P Monterth 10-12-8 SLyons (7)
3 1-24 STAN'S FOLLY 76 (F) Mass J Thurlow 11-12-8 Miss J Thurlow 11-12-8 Miss J Thurlow (7)
4 F-1 BERTIE BOY 17 (F) Mas G Revaley 7-12-5 W Walss (5)
5 UUU- FISH QUAY 352 (F,G,S) Mrs K Lamb 9-12-5 6 P/ RUN LEAH RUN 802 (C.F.Q.S) Miss L Russell 7 R-4F THEPUGOT 8 (B.D.S) D Pritchard 9-120 D Pritchard (7)

9-4 Bertie Boy, 7-2 Night Guest, 13-2 Run Leah Run, 7-1 Stan's Folly, 8-1 Fish Cusy, 10-1 Dark Dawn, 20-1 Thepugot.

5.00 AULD LANG SYNE NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,542: 2m) (8) 1 4410 EASBY MANDRINA 34 (G) S Kettlowell 5-11-10

2 41U2 FAMILY LINE 5 (D,S) Miss L Perratt 4-11-9 L O'Hera
3 5-10 NORTH PRIDE 6 (CD.F) 5 Payne 7-11-8 C McCourt
4 5110 MANGROVE MIST 8 (D.F.G.) F Moment 4-11-5
5 0F03 NO SID NO STARS 13 G Moote 4-11-3 ... M Dwyer
5 2211 OLD PEG 39 (B.D.F) M H Easterby 4-11-1 ... R Pelay
7 4530 LUCKY AGAIN 10 W A Stephenson 5-11-1 .. C Grant
8 3004 SILVER HAZE 50 (B) W A Stephenson 8-10-13
K.lohaean

5-2 No Sid No Stars, 7-2 Old Peg. 4-1 Lucky Again, 6-1 North Pride, 8-1 Family Line, 10-1 Easiby Mandrina, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS Mss L Perratt, 8 winners from 13 runners, 46 2%, C Weedon, 5 from 15 33 3%, S Kettleweit, 4 from 13 30.8%; M Hammond, 8 from 27, 29 6%, G Moore, 16 from 61, 56 2%, W A Stephenson, 23 from 111, 20 7% JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 14 winners from 35 rides, 40 0%, C Maude, 3 from 9, 33 3%, MS Lyons, 3 from 10, 20 0%, K Johnson, 7 from 28, 25 0%, M Deyer, 19 from 78, 24 4%, C Grant, 22 from 104, 21 7% (Not including yesterday a results)

☐ Corals yesterday reported solid backing for Four Trix at 14-1 in the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown tomorrow. Gordon Richards's charge is now 10-1 with Arctic Call the 7-2. favourite. Other prices: 9-2 Brown Windsor, Tipping Tim, 5-1 Topsham Bay, 8-1 Espy.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Beverley -Going: good

Going: good 2.15 (1m 100yd) 1, HAROLDON (R Hdis, 7-4 lav), 2, Garden of Heaven (M Roberts, 8-2), 3, Jamaab (W R Swmbum, 15-8) ALSO RAN 10 Combat-via (4th), Town Flower (8th), 14 Suga-Loal, 20 Tate Express, 33 Velveteen Boy Beltainx (5th), Doughmen 10 ran Hd, 14, 45 (14 B Palling of Cowbridge Tote 53 20 51 20, 51 80, 51 30 DF 512 60 CSF 510 89

2.45 (1m 100yds) 1, LAUREL QUEEN (1 Carroli, 5-2), 2, Yonge Tender (1 Williams, 8-1); 3, Majed (1 Weaver, 2-1 fav) ALSO RAN 7 Skippor To Bige, 14 Banc Seing, 16 Ray's Dilemma, Sioffor, Ace Girl, 25 Dwing, Super Ted, Angel Train (4th), 33 Kind Style, Concert Pitch, Magdalene, 50 Sayani, Cardea Castle, 16 ran, Shi Md, shi Md J Barry at Cockerham Tole £3 70 £1 40, £2 10, £1 40 DF £10 40 CSF £23 39

3.15 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, SUPERTOP (Paul Edder), 5-1). 2, Floating Line (M Wigham, 33-1). 3, Smoke (N Carlisle, 14-1) ALSO RAN 9-4 Lav Rousstro (4th), 7-10 (15 Choice (5th), 10 Vague Dancer, 12 Touch Above, Watch Me Go (5th), 16 Who's Tef. Sharquin, 33 Nobby, Take One 12 ran Shind, 1'31 shind, 51, 2'41 P Harns at Berkhamsted Tote: 62 00, £1 80, £6 00, £2 10 DF £74 50 CSF: £126.78 Tricast; £1937 77

3.45 (71 100yd) 1 COLOSSUS (M Roberts, 100-30), 2 Obsidian Grey (B Raymond, 14-1), 3 Chain Shot (M Birch, 20-1) ALSO (RAN, 114 fav Doyce (5th), 6 Doulab's Image (6th). Euroblake (4th), 13-2 Spanish Vertich, 12 Blue Grit, 14 Arabian King, Suprem Boy, 33 Yours Or Mine, 11 ran, 5h hd, 11, hk, 15h, 11 C Brittan at Newmarket Tole 24-40 Britan at Newmarket Tole 24-40

4.15 (50) 1. DOUBLE BLUE (M Roberts, 4.15 (50) 1. DOUBLE BLUE (M Roberts, B-13 lav), 2. Absolutely Nuts (B Raymond, 20-1), 3. Last Straw (J Ounn, 11-1) ALSO RAN 17-2 Don't Run Ma Dver (Bilh). 11 Sing Carlson, 12 Righter Squadron, 18 Mmzen Music, Par de Luse, 20 The Right Tame, in A. Whill, Lody's Mantle, 33 Here Comes A Ster (5th), Miss Siham, B Grade (4th), 14 (an 154), Miss Siham, B Grade (4th), 14 (an 154), Middelham Tote, 17 (6th), 17 (12), 18 (15), 18 (15), 18 (15), 19 (

4.45 (1m 3f 218yd) 1, MISS PLUM (W Ryan, 8-11 fay); 2, Kirsten (A Munro, 9-4), 3, Nins e Chocolates (N Roberts, 10-1) ALSO RAN 8 Wedding Vow (5th), 16 Placepor: £41.30

Docket (4th), 50 Molley (6th) 6 ran 6, 8), 5l, 5l, 6l H Cecil at Newmarkot Tote £1,80; £1,30, £1,50 DF £1,90 CSF £2,91 Placepot £49.90

Perth Going: good

Going: good
2.30 (2m hole) 1. PARTY PRINCE
(Peter Hobbs, 8-1). 2. Misty Night (A
Dobbin, 14-1). 3. Star Oats (M Dwyer,
100.30 (av) ALSO RAN 9-2 Bluchaven
Flyer (5m). 7 Really Honest (f) 8 Tegula
Gold (f), 10 Marc Millar, 11 Be My Era
(4th), 12 Arpal Forever, 20 Creativo
Illusion (pu), 25 Aussie Aisle, 33 Red
Tempest (pu), 50 Swerfulls (ur), 66
Rabsha, 100 Bella Banus (6th), Classic
Ring, 200 Coemo (pu), 17 ran, NR
Rajaya 127, 61, 31, 51, 141 C Weedon at
Chiddingfold Tote 28 10, \$1, 80, £4 10,
\$2,00 DF \$103.70 CSF \$104.89

3.00 (2m 4l ch) 1. STEPFASTER (Mr A Thomton, 9-4 ji-fay) 2. Blakes Son (Mr S Swiers, 5-1), 3. Peacework (Mr N Wilson, 9-4 ji-fay) ALSO RAN 4 Cholce Chollange (f), 9 Pyjamas (6lh), 33 Impany (5lh), 50 Zam's Slave (4lh) 7 ran NR Skimhill, 10(, 3), 11, 30(, 8) W A Slephenson at Bishop Auckland Tota 53 10, 52 10, 51 90, DF, 55 60 CSF 512 84 Thicast 524 11.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, FLIGHT HILL (J Frost, 4.9 lay); 2, Bavard Bay (M Dwyer, 11-4), 3, Who's in Charge (A Memgan, 33-1), ALSO RAN 10 Local Customer (4th) 20 Classes (Minstel III), 66 Eve Per (pu) 6 ran 201, 301, shind, Mrs G Reveley Tote 51.40, 51.20, 51.90 DF 51.80 CSF 52 17.

4.00 (2m ch) 1. MOMENT OF TRUTH (B Storey, 11-4) 2. Clever Folly (G McCourt, 7-1) 3. Marejo (R Hodge, 3-1) 5-4 fav Greenhoart (4th), 4 ran. 21, 1151, 301, P Monteith Tote, £3 20 DF £4 20 CSF £15 35

4.30 (2m hole) 1, DIZZY (A Dobbin, 2-1), 2, Swift Sword (M Dwyer 4-7 fav), 3, Gymcrek Gamble (Fahey, 20-1) ALSO RAN 11 Cheveley Dancer (pu), 100 Tumbling (4th), Shahmiraj (pu) 6 ran 9, 15, dist P Monterth at Rosewell Tote 52-50: \$1.30. \$1.30. \$1.40. \$CSF \$3.36.

5.00 (2m hole) 1 BAY TERN (R Faney, 54 fav), 2 Trebonkers (L O'Hara, 13-8); 3, Pakri House (N Loach, 9-2) ALSC RAN 8 Galloway Raider (4th) 4 fan NR Schiehalton, 121, 34, 21 M H Easterby at Greal Hebton, Tote, £1 80 DF £2 40 CSF, £3.61.

Wednesday's late results

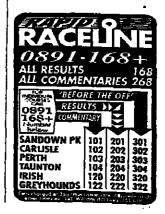
Ludlow

Going: good (good to firm in places) 53.5 (3m cn) 1, Assaglavel (Mss A Dare 5-1). 2, Kalesville (10-1) 3, Raise An Argument (Evens Iav) 8 ran 41, 31 Miss H Knight Tate (2' 10, 21 70 £1 30, £1 40 DF £65 80 CSF, £47 04

8.05 (2m hole) 1. Kalzan (B Clifford, 50-1); 2. Sterting Buck (7-1); 3. King's Shilling (10-1) Eric's Train 2-1 fey 13 rain Hd, 'sl D Deacon Tote £53 10, £8 70 £2 00, £3 00 DF £450 40 CSF £331 98 Tricast £3 414 75 Placepot: £224,50.

□ Double Blue recorded his fourth consecutive success in the George Cullington Handicap at Beverley yesterday. Mark Johnston's improving three-year-old defied top weight of 10 stone but has been raised 13lb by the handicapper for future races.

Blinkered first time CARLISLE: 2.15 Oystons Life. 5.26 Thor



Ferguson's

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# Middlesex denied by stylish **Bicknell**

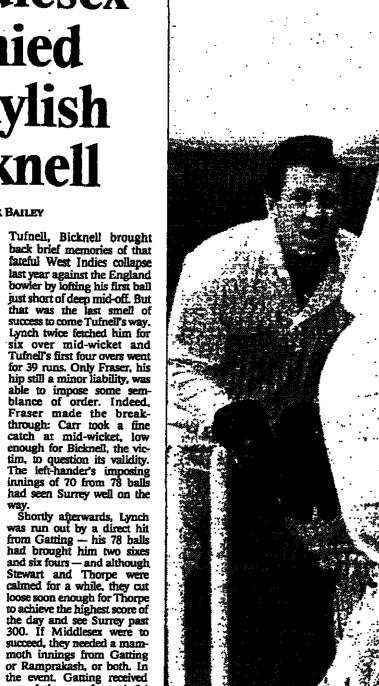
THE OVAL (Middlesex won toss): Surrey (2pts) beat Mid-

EVERYTHING went Surrey's way. From the moment Gatting won the toss and opted to field, their day was made. A partnership of 140 for the first wicket between Bicknell and Lynch inside 24 overs created a position from which there was no falling from grace, a strong middle order featuring Stewart and Thorpe and Brown made capital in the face of generally ragged bowling and although Stewart later failed to take the field owing to a badly-bruised calf muscle, he will be well-pleased with his team's superiority in every department of the game.

There was no arguing, either, with the nomination of Darren Bicknell for the Gold Award. Bryson, the South African newcomer, with four wickets, together with Felton, kept the Middlesex batsmen well within bounds as they set out on the formidable task of making 308 to win.

However, Bicknell's innings was in the England class. Above all, it was the sense of purpose with which he and Lynch took advantage of ideal conditions that carried Surrey to a virtually impregnable position. Bicknell timed the ball beautifully and though Lynch is no slouch, it was Bicknell, with his full, free flow of the bat, who was the chief cause of Gatting's consternation as he strove to set a field to a seam attack that, for the most part was astray in both length and

When Gatting turned to



Strike with a flourish: Thorpe, with Brown looking on, drives against Middlesex

# Yorkshire need Tendulkar

one of the very few spiteful

balls of the day to be caught

in the gully, while Ramprakash never achieved

mastery before he became

Carr, who, despite his in-creasingly odd front-on

stance, played more fluently in the Middlesex cause than

anyone, including Brown,

Bryson also accounted for

Bryson's third victim.

BY SIMON WILDE

TAUNTON (Yorkshire won toss): Somerset (2pts) beat Yorkshire by 23 runs JUDGED on this perfor-

mance, Yorkshire had better prepare an elaborate welcome next week for Sachin Tendulkar, for they are going to need him. Having been set only 144 to win this Benson and Hedges Cup group match, their batting was so brittle and tentative that they collapsed from 61 for 2 to 120 all out, and defeat by 23

Somerset have seemingly already prepared the ground for their new overseas player. The Taunton pitch, tinged with green and offering generous movement and bounce would have suited Richard Snell, who is used to such conditions in Johannesburg. But his future team mates

Derbyshire

v Glamorgan

DERBY (Derbyshire won toes): Derby-shire (2pts) best Glamorgen by four

GLAMORGAN

S P James c Adams b Mortensen
H Morns c Adams b Melcolm
W P Maynard Ibw b Malcolm
IV A Richards c Barnett b Mortensen
C S Cowdrey c Kniden b Warner
P A Cottey c Bowler b Blehop
B D B Croft not out

Total (9 wkts, 55 overs) .. ..

t not out ..... on c Krikken b Malcolm

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-28, 3-87, 4-84, 5-114, 6-118, 7-136, 8-136, 9-154,

BOWLING, Bishop 11-1-29-1; Mortensen 11-4-25-2; Metcolm 11-0-43-4; Cork 11-0-27-0; Warner 11-1-26-1

DERBYSHIRE

P D Bowler not out
JE Morns C Cottay b Watten
JE Morns C Cottay b Watten
J G O'Gorman c Condrey b Watten
C J Adams low b Watten
I B Beshop c Croft b Berwick
K Kritken c Cowdrey b Richards
D G Cork not out

A E Warner, D E Malcolm and O H Mortensen did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-59, 2-83, 3-99, 4-99, 5-120, 6-136.

BOWLING Watkin 10-4-48-3, Frost 9-0-41-1, Barwick 11-1-33-1; Richards 11-5-18-1; Croft 11-4-15-0

Gold award: P D Bowler (Derbyehme).

Gloucestershire

v Minor Counties

CHELTEMHAM (Gloucestershire won loss). Gloucestershire (2013) best Minor Counties by seven wickets
MINOR COUNTIES

M J Roberts c Russell b Babington †S N V Waterton liber b Babington . N A Folland Row b Athey

J D Love lbw b Athey
S J Dean c Alleyne b Athey
P G Newman c Gerard b Athey

Total (7 wkts. 55 overs) . . . . . . . . . . . . 212

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-23 2-30, 3-142, 4-

A Evans and N A Taylor did not bet.

P G Newman c Gerero o Auro. S G Plumb c Bell b Vaughan . Creensword not out . . .

J Barnett c Maynerd b Frost

Total (6 wkts, 52 overs)

managed well enough without him. Rose, adding four wickets to his 28 runs, which top scored Somerset's innings, may have finished with better figures, but the most impressive of the home team's bowlers was undoubtedly Caddick, who was horn in New Zealand, and models himself on Sir Richard Hadlee.

The resemblance is uncanny, although, standing 6ft 5in, he looks like a stretch version of the limousine of fast bowlers. Last year, Caddick took 96 wickets in the second eleven championship, a record for the competition. Yesterday he took two for 20 in his eleven overs. Mallender, who took one wicket. was even more economical.

On this pitch, stroke play was all but impossible. The

BOWLING: Gerrard 8-1-32-0; Babing 11-4-30-2, Vaughan 10-1-36-1; Alleyne 3-34-0; Ball 4-1-18-0, Athey 11-1-57-4.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Total (3 wkts, 52.4 overs) ...... 213

M W Alleyme, J T C Vaughan, T H C Hancock, A M Bebington, M C J Baff and M J Genard did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-126, 3-175.

BOWLING: Newman 9 42-29-0; Taylor 6-1-37-0; Corn 11-0-47-2; Evans 11-0-28-0; Graensword 10-0-43-1; Plumb 5-0-21-0.

Leicestershire

v Sussex

LEICESTER (Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire (2pts) best Sussex by five

SUSSEX

J W Hall low b Wells
K Greenfield c Smith b Benson
M P Speight c Wells b Parsons
"A P Wells not out

A N Jones and A R Hansford did not but.

A N JORGS and A H Hanstord out not one FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-102, 3-136, 4-181, 5-183, 6-199, 7-205. SCWLING: Multally 8-0-37-0; Militra 7-1-34-15-190 August 19-190 Potter 11-1-44-1; Parsons 11-3-31-1; Benson 11-0-39-2.

LEICESTERSHIRE

LEICESTERSMIKE	T	Boon c and b Stephenson	59
N E Briers c Speight b North	98		
J J Whitaker b North	1		
F Smith c Speight b North	1		
E F Smith c Speight b Pigott	2		
J D R Bonson net out	23		
V J Wells not out	18		
Extras (b I, Ib 8, w 19, nb 3)	32		
20			

FALL OF WICKETS, 1-135, 2-158, 3-169, 4-187, 5-189

4-187, 5-189 BOWLING: Stephenson 11-1-32-1; Jones 1-0-8-0; Hansland 11-0-48-0, Pigott 9.5-0-49-1; Donelan 7-0-32-0; Greenfield 9-0-37-

A C S Pigott run out B T P Donelan not or

Total (7 wkts, 55 overs) ...

Total (5 wkts, 52.5 overs)

Gold award, N E Briers (Leich

Greensword 10-0-43-1; Plumo and Color of Glouds). Unipres: K E Palmer and G I Burgess.

highest score in the match was 36 by Kellett, who was at the crease for 29 overs, and never in command. He was dropped by Trump in the slips off Caddick when nine, and survived several other close calls. The longer he was in, the more he lost his way. but Yorkshire completely lost theirs when he was out at 92

for six in the 42nd over. Somerser's batsmen had fared little better. Whenever Yorkshire needed a wicket. they got one. Their four seamers appeared to take advantage of Moxon winning the toss, often finding chinks in the Somerset armour. Jarvis was particularly hostile, accounting for Townsend in his second over and Hayhurst, playing no stroke, in his third. His 11 overs cost only 14 runs, and his three

wickets were all leg-before.

Lancashire

v Scotland

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss) Lancashire (2pts) beat Scotland by sk wickets

SCOTLAND

J W Govers, A Bee, P G Duthle and J D Mor did not bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-144, 2-157, 3-175, 4-193, 5-211.

BOWLING: DeFratas 11-1-35-2; Morrison 11-0-41-1; Wetkinson 11-0-33-1; Austin 11-0-45-0; Barnett 11-1-53-0.

LANCASHIRE

Speak run out

W K Hegg 1, P A J Defreitas, I D Austin, A A Barnett and D K Monteon did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS 184, 2-100, 3-163. 90WLING: Duthle 8.5-1-32-0; Moir 11-1-43-0; Govun 11-0-46-1; Bee 8-1-38-0; Reffer 10-0-40-1; Russell 4-0-15-1

Somerset v

Yorkshire

TAUNTON (Yarkshire wan toss): Sam-erset (2pts) best Yorkshire by 23 runs SOMERSET

Total (4 wkts, 52.5 overs) .

Gold award: I i. Philip (Scotland)

A N Hayhurst low b Jarvis ...

J Bartlett run out
D Rose c Btakey b Gough
H MacLesy low b Jarvis
D Burris b Gough
A Mallender not out

as (lb 6, w 3) \_ .....

FALL OF WICKETS:1-3, 2-8, 3-48, 4-49, 5-53, 5-103, 7-105, 8-130, 9-141.

BOWLING: Jarvis 11-3-14-3: Gough 9-1 29-2; Harnley 11-2-28-2: Pickles 11-1-30-1 Carrick 11-2-23-0; Moxon 2-0-13-0

Total (55 overs) ....

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YESTERDAY'S CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

## Reeve doubtful for one-day matches

By Geoffrey Wheeler

DERMOT Reeve, the War wickshire and England allrounder, seems certain to miss the first two one-day internationals against Pakistan next month. A bone-scan has shown that Reeve has a stress fracture of the pelvis and he has been told to rest for a month.

'It's likely he carried the injury all the way through the World Cup," Bob Woolmer, the Warwickshire director of coaching, said. Reeve will miss the zonal stages of the Benson and Hedges Cup, in which, in vesterday's second round of matches. Leicestershire maintained their good start to the season by beating Sussex. Briers and Boon posted their second century partnership of the week as

Gough c Burns b Rose ....... W Jarvis c Caddick b Rose .

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-22, 3-61, 4-77, 5-80, 6-92, 7-102, 8-107, 9-118.

BOWLING Melender 114-18-1; Caddick 114-20-2; Hayhurst 8-0-24-2; Rose 10.5-2-31-3; Trump 11-0-23-2.

Surrey v Middlesex

not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-140, 2-149, 3-234,

BOWLING: Williams 11-2-40-0; Sylvester 6-3-62-0, Tufnell 10-0-65-0; Emburey 10-1-45-1; Fraser 11-1-52-2; Carr 5-0-29-0; Weekes 2-0-10-0.

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J E Emburey b Benjamin

N F Williams b Bryson

A R C Fraser b Felthem

P C R Turnell not out

S A Sylvester b Bryson

Total (55 overs) ......

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-39, 3-101, 4-112, 5-155, 6-177, 7-205, B-219, 9-225.

BOWLING: Bryson 11-0-56-4; Bicknell 11-0-50-1, Benjamin 11-1-46-2, Boiling 11-0-35-0, Feitham 11-0-44-3.

**Comb Universities** 

v Worcestershire

THE PARKS (Combined Universities won loss): Worcestershire (2pts) beat Combined Universities by four wickets

Total (4 wkts, 55 overs) ...

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Total (51.5 overs) .

Leicestershire overhaulec Sussex's 237 for seven with

something to spare. lan Philip and Bruce Patterson set a record for Scotland in the competition with a first-wicket stand of 144 against Lancashire, who won by six wickets. Devon Malcolm made a welcome return to form by taking four for 43 as Derbyshire accounted for Glamorgan, Montgomerie, Snape and Pearson of the Combined

Universities — they also play for Northamptonshire caused problems for Worcestershire before the holders got home by four wickets in the Parks. Dean Hodgson's first one-day century saw Gloucestershire home against Minor Counties.

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b Newport
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J P Crawley c Curtis b Illingwo
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A C N Seymout a Crawley b Snape...
G A Hick b Pearson
T M Moody a and b Snape...
D A Lestherdale b Pearson
TS J Rhodes c Crawley b McMillian
N V Redford not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-84, 3-102, 4-102, 5-132, 6-157.

1(2, 5-132, 6-137. BOWLING: J Hallett 8-1-27-0; J Bovell 7-0-21-0; J Galitan 7-0-28-0; B Usher 2-0-9-0; R Pearson 11-2-32-2; J Snape 11-1-35-3; G McMillan 5.1-1-18-1.

GERUPATUES:

**ZONE A** 

**ZONE B** 

**ZONE C** 

ZONE D

Total (6 wkts, 51.1 overs) ...

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Total (6 wkts, 55 overs) .

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

# **Quest for** perfection starts to pay off

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES

The word for the day is sjalvfortroende. It is Swedish, and it is a safe bet that most of the players on the European Tour find it unpronounceable. It is, however, indispensable to successful golf and yesterday, in the first round of the Cannes Open at Cannes Mougins, Anders Forsbrand had it and lan Woosnam did not.

Forsbrand, who has wor once already this year and has finished outside the top 12 only twice in ten starts, ispositively overflowing with confidence and positive vibes. which is what sjätvförtroende is, roughly. He had a 65, which is a far from modest seven under par, did not drop a shot and still maintained: "I didn't even play that well but I got it round and I putted well." That is what confidence does for you.

Woosnam has none. He had a very modest 74, dropped shots at three of the first six holes, had only one birdie, at the 16th, and looked and sounded like a real old misery. The initials PDG (Pays de Galles) come after his name on the scoreboard, and they could well stand for pretty damned

"I'm getting worse if any-thing," the recently deposed Masters champion said morosely. A groin strain added to his problems, but he refused to advance it as an excuse for his poor play. Accentuating the negative was Woosie's thought for the day.

Forsbrand, an intensely self-critical perfectionist, has spent the last two-and-a-half years pursuing a programme designed to improve him technically (under David Leadbetter and Simon Holmes) and mentally (under Lars-Erik Unestohl, a sports psychologist). It seems to be working.

Having ended last year proving himself in team competitions, Forsbrand is now forging ahead on his own.

Yesterday his closest pursuer was Johansson, who had a 66, with Mike Miller and Vijay Singh on 67. David Feherty, the defending champion, suffering the mental apses of an expectant father, was well adrift after a 76, but produced his customary bon mot to lighten the gloom. "I thought I might play like Jack Nicklaus, but I played like Jacques Tati instead," he

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and ite unless stated): 65: A Forsbrand (Swe), 66: P-U Johansson (Swe), 67: M Miller, V Singh (Fig), 68: P Price, J Cocense (Arg.) D Cooper, 68: J-F Remesy (Fr), R Lea, A Johnstone (Zim), P Terevaline (US), J-M Caffizares (So), S Richardson, D Sava (Por), 70: W Malley (US), N Kalouguine (Fr), J Hawfess (SA), S Lune (So), M McNutly (Zim), J Ven de Velde (Fr), A Sherborn, S Grappesonni (S), A Sovensen (Den), O Dabson (Fr), I Palmer (SA), K Trimble (Aus), R McPatten, J Cuiros (Spain), J Townsend (US).

71: F Lindgren (Swe), J Hawlesworth, G Levelnson (SA), M Mackenzie, C Van der Velde (Neith), P Walton, K Brown, V Fernandez (Arg), D A Rusself, R Drum-mond, S Bownson (US), J Hesgyman (Swe), S De Marboud (Fr), D Rumse, R Keisson (Swe), F Nobilo (NZ), S Torrance, A Einsighi (D), G Reiph, R Hertmann (US), G Turner, J Robinson.

Simon Barnes

# Bruno and the flame that is burning within

You want to blind Frank Bruno? You talk about taking Paddington Bear to the gas chamber. But José Ribalta, the latest opponent of Bruno's comeback, told the world he was planning to punch out Bruno's eyes, stressing that this was the obvious tactic against a man with a torn retina. Lovely game, isn't it?

Ribalta came trailing clouds of toughness. He was supposed to be a real test for Big Frank. Through Ribalta, we would learn if Bruno was a real contender for the world heavyweight championship. Is Frank for real? Is Frank serious?

Fee fi fo fum. Bruno faced his biggest test for three years. Big Frank faced the bogey man with blinding hands. This could be a horror-show, this could be very serious indeed. New

territory for Bruno. But in less than 30 seconds on Wednesday night. we were back in the most familiar country of all. We had climbed the beanstalk into King Frank's Magic Land, the place where nothing can go wrong and all our dreams come true. As the first jab snapped

effortlessly Ribalta's de fence, the huge surge of relief from Bruno was almost tan-gible. He knew the

script from then on. We knew where we were punchup, punch-up. all fall down.

"I was praying for the bell to go." Mickey Duff, the promoter, said afterwards. Bruno's first comeback fight had ended in the first round and was contemptuously dismissed by observers. This fight lasted a minute and a half into

That first fight was a return to the Magic Land all right, to the place were all opponents tumble and King Frank is inevitably bathed in the love of the multitude. The trouble was, the second one felt very much the same. Bruno's fantasy kingdom has been rebuilt: the old familar bandwagon is rolling. "The exercise was well worthwhile," Duff said. "Money follows success."

Arguments will continue about the value of this performance. Was this another of the legion of Frank's Horizontal Men, or was it a very tough opponenent overwhelmed by a magnificent display of punching? Either way, Bruno is on the move again.

But who, other than money-makers, wants this comeback, I wonder? Frank is loved by people far be-yond the followers of the boxing business. He is a star, a king, a media

British icon. Paddington Bear with HP Sauce instead of marmalade. The nation would like to keep him that way. Nobody wants to see him battered. humiliated, blinded.

It is Bruno who wants to fight. Though he has always loved to play Paddington for us, he is also deeply committed to his own vision of himself as a Man of His Hands, a Fighter, a Contender, "I think within my bones that there's more said. There is, indeed, a real, not a phoney, self-confidence about him these days. He is a more substantial person than he was

"It is a serious business. out there in the ring." Bruno said more than once after his brief hammering of Ribalta. Perhaps he wants the world to understand the serious side of his nature. Perhaps he would like us to understand that he more than a panto star. more than a candy-floss winner who moves from triumph to easy footling

He wants to prove himself as a serious fighting man. He does not want to live with himself as the man who took the easy way out, who took the money and ran. He wants

Bruno's fantasy kingdom has been rebuilt

strange contradiction. Boxing, the nastiest thing in sport. Let us not duck the realities. Dear, lovable Bruno won his fight against Ribalta by damaging his brain. It is a

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fact that you can knock out a man only by damaging his brain, and that permaf Ribalta's remarks about blinding Bruno were distasteful, it was only because boxing itself is distasteful. In football, if the opposing goalie is sus-pect on high balls, you feed him a diet of horrible hang-

ing crosses. Ribalta was

merely bloodcurdlingly honest about a blood curdling business. Boxing is a bloody busi-ness and Frank, despite his charm and his unmistakably genuine kindness — has there ever been an athlete in history who greets every writer arriving at a press conference by his given name? — is deeply committed to this business.

Because for him, it is unfin-

ished business. That is what his comeback is really about. He is deeply committed to the struggle. The violent world of boxing burns like a flame in the hearts of many people and it is in this world that Bruno is truly a Slave of the Lamp.

RACING

phenomenon, a much-loved

# Rising star Jarnet lands classic ride

By MICHAEL SEELY

WITH Steve Cauthen electing to ride Alnasr Alwasheek, Thierry Jarnet has been booked for either Lion Cavern or Steinbeck in the General Accident 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket tomorrow week.

"The ground will be the deciding factor," Andre Fabre said yesterday. "It will be Lion Cavern if it's soft and Steinbeck if it's firm. Whichever drops out will go for the French Guineas, as will Rainbow Corner. Pat Eddery rides Tertian, my other runner, in the English 2,000." Although Cauthen's retain-

er is to Shaikh Mohammed. Alnasr Alwasheek, the 7-2 favourite with William Hill for the classic after his Craven Stakes win, is owned by the Shaikh's younger brother, Ahmed Al-Maktoum, and therefore comes under the same umbrella.

Jarnet, the 25-year-old rising star among French jockeys, drew favourable comment when driving Tel Quel to a narrow defeat of Cruachan in the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket last autumn.

Richard Hannon, who has won the 2,000 Guineas three times, will be three-handed with River Falls (Bruce Raymond), Swing Low (Walter

Swinburn) and Lucky Lindy. 've yet to find a jockey for Lucky Lindy but all their owners want to run and they're entitled to take their chance."

Silver Wisp, a close third to Lucky Lindy at Kempton, will be ridden by Paul Eddery for Geoff Lewis, who as a jockey rode the last Epsom-trained winner, Right Tack in 1969. For the second day running

said the trainer.

a Henry Cecil-trained filly was heavily backed to win the Oaks. Midnight Air, who disappointed in the Nell Gwyn Stakes, is now Ladbrokes new favourite at 14-1, having been backed at all rates from 25-1. "We took her out of the Guineas because she hasn't quite come to herself and she needs further," said Cecil.

The implications of Sunday racing were considered at yesterday's meeting of the National Trainers' Federation. "We discussed the intro-

duction of Sunday racing and what is needed to be done to make the two experimental days a success," said Peter Cundell, the president of the NTF. "and we shall discuss the issue informally with the Stable Lads' Association."

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### **Rothmans** to back challenge

By Jack Waterman

ROTHMANS, the tobacco company, announced yester-day it is to enter British racing sponsorship for the first time with a deal worth a total of £159,000 prize-money, 80 per cent of it contributed by the company.

The "Rothmans Royals North-South Challenge" will comprise 19 handicaps from seven to nine furlongs this season. There will be 16 quaiifying races, divided equally between north and south.

The same number of racecourses are participating, from Hamilton Park in Scotland to Folkestone in Kent. The series starts at Haydock Park next month.

Each area will stage a semifinal in September with £20,000 added money, one at Doncaster, the other at Newbury. The final will be run over a mile at Newmarket on Dubai Champion Stakes day in October with £40,000

Rothmans also sponsor other sports in Britain and support racing abroad, notathe Rothmans International in Canada. The idea of funding racing in Britain, brought to fruition in only two months, was the brainchild of their chairman, Lord

Netball and

ALTHOUGH the British Universities took a commanding overall lead on the second day of the Endsleigh festival, the Colleges set the race with the Polytechnics for

second place wide open ar Birmingham yesterday. Having failed to win a title last year. Colleges had taken two by the midpoint of the event. Their women's hockey leam, owing much to the midfield partnership of Helen Thonalley and Jane Hurt. dinched the event by beating Universities, the holders, 2-1. Sara Thorp scored both

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STUDENT SPORT

hockey fall to Colleges

By MARK HERBERT

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them to hang on to beat the Universities 31-27.

Ferguson's tactics are open to criticism

# Long-term future at United will redress setback

By Stuart Jones, football correspondent

SHOULD Manchester United fail to win the championship this season, many ob-servers will assume that the psychological damage will be irreparable. Yet that would underestimate the extent of the reformation carried out by Alex Ferguson, who is in the process of securing the future of the Old Trafford

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He has reorganised the backroom staff, most of whom now are former players accustomed to the traditions at Old Trafford, and renewed the youth policy once so famed under Sir Matt Busby. Nine of the youngsters about to collect the FA Youth Cup, for instance, are eligible for next season's competition.

United have also enhanced their position as the country's wealthiest club, which will assist Ferguson in persuad-ing the likes of Giggs, Sharpe and Kanchelskis to stay. The wingers, aged 18, 20 and 23 respectively, might otherwise have been tempted to seek financial inducements on the continent.

The talent assembled at

the finest in England during the first half of the season. Anxiety has since increasingly held them back to the point where they have fallen behind Leeds United, but Ferguson believes that the experience gained by his squad, though potentially bitter, will ultimately be beneficial.

The United challenge is built to last. Nevertheless, during a season in which those of the recognised rivals - Arsenal, Everton, Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur - all faltered, it should have borne immediate fruit and Ferguson's tactics are open to

Although injuries have, as usual, regularly enforced changes, he has used 20 players in a bewildering variety of line-ups. Only once in 40 League games has he maintained the same side. Blackmore has worn six different numbers and Donaghy five. The only outfield representa-tive to have figured consistently is McClair.

Significantly, he has been the one reliable scorer. Even when he was dropped, for the Old Trafford was regarded as home game against Luton

Manchester United's League record since January 1, 1992

Town in September, he came on as a substitute to claim two of the five goals in United's most emphatic victory so far.

So carefree and convincing then and until Boxing Day, their supply of goals dried up once the year turned. Even Oldham Athletic, in tweifth place, have a more productive attack and Ferguson concedes that "we haven't scored enough to win the League".

Yet the pressure that inhib-ited his side has been transferred to Leeds United. A point clear and with a superior goal difference of five, their critical fixture is at Sheffield United on Sunday.

When the two met in October, Sheffield were bottom and apparently already destined for relegation. They lost at Elland Road by the odd goal in seven, but this year have risen 13 places with a sequence of results surpassed by nobody, not even a resurgent Arsenal. Leeds will then finish at

home against currently the worst side in the first division. Norwich City, after six successive defeats, cannot logically be expected to hold the leaders. Then again, West Ham United were not sup-posed to hinder the former favourites on Wednesday.

United's 1-0 defeat there has left them with nothing to lose and they may as well restore their sense of adven-ture for the televised game against Liverpool on Sunday. United's record at Anfield suggests that their closing fix-ture at home to Tottenham Hotspur may mean more than merely staging Lineker's farewell party.

Ferguson is considering re-

calling Robson, even though he is not fully fit. It would be appropriate if the 35-year-old captain could return and lift them back towards the elusive prize. At his age, it would the club he has served so

seeds to lose.

opposite complaint. On clay, for him and yesterday he stumbled to an embarrassing defeat, winning just five games against Aaron Krickstein amid a cacophany of jeers and whistles from his adopted home crowd. He held his service just twice in eight games and the ease with which the American returned service seemed to destroy the top seed's already delicate

"My serve was going in fast, but I couldn't win a game. That hasn't really happened to me before," he said. "But everything was a prob-lem today. I had a hard time putting four or five balls in

Becker's cause is not helped by his refusal to exploit the game he knows best. In the early days, he rushed to the net and was passed at will by the baseliners; now he stays rooted to the back of the court and is all too easily outma-

edge it, let alone find it. "If it were up to me. I would serve and volley the whole time. But you just cannot do that on

Michael Stich does and, though the Wimbledon champion does live dangerously at times, he simply overpowered Javier Sánchez, who had earlier watched his elder brother suffer the same fate against the promising young Frenchman. Arnaud Boet-

Stich, one of only two seeds to survive this far, served and volleyed almost everything,

day in the quarter-final lineup, which is Krickstein v Chesnokov, Stich v Prpic, Tillstroem v Muster, Boetsch v Steeb. It must be a while since no Spaniard graced the last eight of a European clay

beating Goran Prpic and court tournament. Andrei Chesnokov on the way The smart money, of which to the final - but sometimes there is no shortage in this he refuses even to acknowltown, favours a repeat of the 1990 final between Chesnokov and Muster. The Austrian, bustling and bellig-erent as ever, looked ominously strong in beating Guy Forget and should account for the newcomer Tillstroem. aged 20, who was inspired by Borg in his early days. Per-

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and fickle winds sank Dennis Conner's hopes of victory in the America's Cup defender trials on Wednesday and helped New Zealand to perform a dramatic comeback in the challenger finals.

YACHTING

Conner is

It was Conner's third successive defeat by Bill Koch's America<sup>3</sup> in this bestof-13 defence finals, and his yacht, Stars & Stripes, was knocked down by a decisive 4min 20sec margin. America3 led from the outset as Conner's yacht struggled against the 4-5ft seas.

This was the roughest day we've seen yet." Conner said. "The winds were shifting by as much as 50 degrees, and at one point I thought we would America3."

ARISULTS: Defence trafs (best of 13)-Third race: Amenca (W Koort) to Stars & Stripes (D Conner), by 4mm 20sec Overall: America 3, Srars & Stripes 0 Louis Visition challenge trials (best of 9). Third race: New Zeeland (R Devis) bit I Moro di Venezia (P Cayard, II), 0.34, Overall: New Zeeland 2, II Moro di Venezia 1

Henry Kaye, the Britishborn Hong Kong resident, was yesterday confirmed as winner of the Corum China Sea Race (Malcolm McKeag writes). In the Champagne Mumm World Cup division, Hong Kong yachts, two owned by Britons and one by an American, swept the board. Ireland's hopes of repeating their 1990 win faded when Ireland Fling. which had been left with 90 miles to cover in 14 hours. miles to cover in 14 hours, managed a mere 35 miles, RESULTS: Corum China Sea Race: 1, Lethal Weapon IH Kaye, X-119. Hong Kongi, 2 hirtigue Il Nicholson, Banner 41, HK), 3, Y-Raired IR Simmpl, X-512, HK), 4, Buzzard (W Gasson, Humphreys 43, Thai), 5, Shy Song (N Pryde, J-35, HK), 6, Rama Rama (K Lerneu, J-35, Brunei) Champagne Mumm World Cup positions: 1, Hong Kong, 2, Australia, 3, Proteppines, 4, Ireland, 5, Bussa.



Claiming the spoils: Krickstein celebrates his crushing 6-1, 6-4 victory over Becker in the Monte Carlo Open yesterday

I knew I had a better than 50

per cent chance of winning

the point from the baseline.

Krickstein, the No. 16 seed,

There must be a happy

medium - indeed, Becker

found it here last year in

# Becker slips on slow surface

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MONTE CARLO

EVEN in his wilder dreams, Mikael Tilistroem could not have envisaged outlasting such famous names as Bjorn Borg and Boris Becker in Monte Carlo, but truth proved much stranger than fiction yesterday as the young Swede, a qualifier ranked No. 327, blinked into the daylight of the last eight in his first important tournament while Becker was the most distinguished of the four

"I don't really know what to say." Tillstroem said after his 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 win over Marc Rosset. "I was almost the last olayer into the qualifying draw and now I am in the quarter-finals. Everything

happens so quick." Becker voiced rather the nothing happens fast enough

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"Once the rally had started, but he will have to be more Fereira (SA), 62.61.

#### HOCKEY

# Recruits go on trial

THE women's home countries championship, which starts today in Cork, will prove a valuable testing ground for the talent developing in the four nations (Alix Ramsay writes).

With the Great Britain players preparing for the Olympic Games, there is room for coaches to try new faces. No team has been affected as badly as England, who have lost 13 players. Only Fiona Lee and Jane Smith remain from the side that won the European championship last May. "It's like bringing up a child," Jenny Cardwell, the

England manager, said. "We

get them to the level where they can face an Olympics and then we lose them." Cardwell is enjoying the challenge of starting from scratch. Her young players, who have only 60 caps among them, have taken on

Scotland. Against Spain, the raw recruits got a taste of hard international competition. "It was quite a shock to them to see how fast and furious the Spanish were." Cardwell said. "We're hoping the home countries won't be as fast and

#### Belgium and Spain in training matches and today play

I think our players will hold up well to the challenge."

## SPORT IN BRIEF

## Ethiopia to compete

Ethiopia will end its 12-year self-imposed exile from the Olympic Games by partici-pating in athletics, boxing and cycling events at Barcelona this summer.

The Marxist dictator, Mengistu Haile Mariam, who was ousted by rebels last May, had barred his country from competing in 1984 and 1988 in support of North Korea's objection to South Korean participation.

No Scottish flavour Ice hockey: The tenth Heineken championships the ninth to be held at Wembley — will be the first without a Scottish club. Nottingham Panthers meet Norwich and Peterborough Pirates and Durham Wasps

Places are at stake Badminton: Six English singles players will be battling

championships starting Collins outpointed

Boxing: Steve Collins, of Ireland, was outpointed by the American, Reggie Johnson, in East Rutherford, New Jersey, for the vacant WBA middleweight title.

Lucas misses out

Rugby league: Ian Lucas, the Wigan and Great Britain front-row forward, is out for the rest of the season with a broken wrist. He will miss the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final.

Motorcycling: The former 500cc world champion,

# Papin to disclose new club

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beat the Polytechnics 45-34

and their defence enabled

them to hang on to beat the

Universities 31-27.

flicks.

Having failed to win a title

Birmingham yesterday.

lion, a fee which would make him the world's most expensive player. They are perhaps lucky to be in action at all: a players' strike was averted only yesterday when the Italian football federation agreed to a maximum of only two non-European Community (EC) signings per club from July 1. The league had planned to allow clubs to sign as many overseas players as they liked. There will still be no limit on the number of

players from within the com-There would be an outcry in Germany if this weekend's Bundesliga matches were called off. All four pretenders to Kaiserslautern's league crown play each other with Borussia Dortmund, the leaders, meeting third-placed VfB Stuttgart and Eintracht Frankfurt, second in the table, playing Bayer Leverku-

BAŞEBALL

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Meta 3, St Louis Cardinais 2; Chicago Cube 9, Philadelphia Philips 5; San Diego Padres 9, Atlanta Braves 4, Protoburgh Prastes 2, Montreel Expos 0; Houston Astros, 3 San Fracisco Gismits 1 (12 Innings); Cinchnait Reds 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 3. AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankess 4, Chicago White Sox 3; Calkard A's 10, California Angels 4; Cleveland Indians 7, Toronto Blue Juys 2. Baltimore O'rioles 2, Kansas City Royals 1; Detroit Tigers 12, Texas Rangers 8; Minnesots Twins 8, Seattle Mariners 1. Postponad: Milwaukee Brewers v Boston Red Sox.

BOWLS

In The Netherlands, PSV send-off.

Spain kicked off their World Cup qualifying cam-paign on Wednesday with a

tory uneasily, they were far happier than the Belgians in group four. Their 1-0 defeat of Cyprus provoked bitter whistling from the 18,000 spectators in Brussels. Wales, among their rivals in the section, will be somewhat happier after this result.

Eindhoven will win their sixth championship in seven years if they beat Groningen to give Bobby Robson, who is to leave the club after two years in charge, a successful

mediocre 3-0 defeat of Alba-nia in group three in Seville. Only Michel, the Real Madrid midfield player, impressed as he scored twice. The group also includes Northern Ireland and the Re-public of Ireland. If the Spanish greeted vic-

## **RUGBY UNION**

# Irish change squad

DENIS McBride and Patrick Johns were yesterday added to the injury-hit Irish party to tour New Zealand next month (David Hands writes). McBride, the Malone flanker who has been capped eight times, replaces Gordon Hamilton and Johns, from Dungannon, comes in for Philip Lawlor. At least both have had international experience, even if, in Johns's case, it is limited to one cap against Argentina two years

New Zealand, meanwhile, conclude their three-match centenary series against the World XV in Auckland tomorrow by facing the player

who led them into the 1991 World Cup, Gary Whetton. Whetton, his country's mostcapped player but overlooked in trial matches earlier this month, packs down in the World second row alongside Troy Coker in the absence. through suspension, of Olivier Roumat and, through injury, of John Eales. Jason Little, the Australian centre, comes in for Jeremy Guscott and Gavin Hastings, David Sole and Derek White sustain Scotland's interest.

Tressler, both stalwarts of the the end of this season.

☐ Stuart Redfern and Chris

Leicester front row, are to retire from first-class rugby at

#### FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

BLACKPOOL: Greenalis 7,000 Water-loo spring tearmament: Second-round winners: I Ress (Sheffield), R Jackson (Sheffield), D Bell (Smedbach), V Lee (Blackpool), W Hartley (Blackpool), F Guest (Birmingham), F McH-tugh (Rod

WEMBLEY ARENA: Heavyweight (10 mds): Frank Bruno (London) to José Ribaita (Cutsa). 2nd md; (4 mds): Jose Bugner Jr (3t ives) bit Gary McCrory (Armfield Plain), pits. Weither (10 mds): Gary Jacobs (Glasgow) bit Criflo Nano (Mex), pits. (6 mds): Steve McNess (Bethnal Green) bit Rick North (Grimsby), pits. Light-middle (6 mds): Gibert Jackson (Batterseal bit Russell Washer (Swansea), pits; (6 mds): Dioyd Honeyghan (Bermondswy) bit Athrado Ramilez (Mex), pits. Cruiser (6 mds): Phil Soundy (Benfleet) bit Lee Prudden (Redditch), no: 5th md.

Sti md.

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey:
Vacant WBA middleweight championship: Reggie Johnson (US) bt Steve
Colins (tre), pts. Heavy (10 mde):
Francesco Damsani (tt) to Michael Greer
(US), 1el md; Tony Tucker (US) bt Manny
Jesus Confreres (US), net 6th md. Light:
Sharmba Mitchell (US) bt Rocky
Lockridge (US), pts.

CRICKET RAPID CRICKETLINE CHAMPION-SHIP: Teurton: Someraet 138 (T N Wren 5-30: A Tutt 4-46) and 114-1 (K J Persone 65 not out). Kent 429-9 dec (N J Llong 117, I Baldock 88, A Planck 82, Wren 58 not out, A van Troest 4-70) Liverpoot: Lancashire 271-4 dec (R C Irani 83, S P

San Buckley Sec. 1,00 Trichard 75) and 105-1 (trail 55 not out),
Derbyshire 235 (K Rogers 76, R Parrow
55; J Fielding 5-53).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH
(Headingley): Yorkshire 2nd 30 309 (C
White 168, A Cottam 4-65), Young
England 31 289-6 (M Windows 108 not out,
M 8 Loye 82).

TOURI OF ARAGON, Spain: Fifth stage (Beresque-Husses, 183km): 1, D Nelissen (Neth), 4hr 18min 34sec; 2, T Cleveyrolat (Fr); 3, A Salitov (CS); 4, H Maier (Austrie): 5, M Zarrabetta (So); 6, O Rodriques (Por), all same time. Overall: 1, L Herrera (Col), 18-45:35; 2, P Ugrumov (Lithuena), at 11sec; 3, L Bezault (Fr), 17; 4, M Indurbin (So), 20; 5, F Echave (Sp), 24, 6, H Buenahora (Col), 29.

**FOOTBALL** OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Chelses D. Cheriton 2. BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Nottrophem Forest 1, Liverpool 1: West Ham United 1, Manchester United 0. Second division: Millwell 1, Bernsley 1: Portsmouth 0, Warford 0. Fourth division: Burnley 3, Cardiff City 1: Rochdele 2, Wrechsm 1.

Wrecham I.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Barrow
3, Telford United 0, Boaton United 0,
Colchester United 4; Kettering Town 1,
Wycombe Wanderers 1; Macclesfield
Town 1, Welling United 2,
WORLD CUP: Qualifying matches:
Group 3; Spein 3, Albenis 0 (in Seville)
Group 4; Belgium 1, Cypnus 0 (in
Brussels).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP; Semi-finals: First leg: Scotland 0, Sweden 0 (at Pittodrie). Second leg: Italy 2, Denmark 0 (in Perugia; Italy win 3-0 on agg). INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Tunisia (I Sweeten 1 de Tunis).

Sweden 1 (In Tunia).

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division:
Chesham 3, St Albare 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Goole 3, Matlock 6; Horwich 0,
Morrosumbe 2. First division Cup: Final:
Colwyn Bey 3, Worksop 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern
division: Witney Town 0, Sellsbury 3.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES:
Tethnents Floodfilt Trophy: Bamber
Bridge 0, Ashton United 1. Tennents Floodit Trophy: Bridge 0, Ashton United 1. ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Finel: Ch

FRENCH CUP: Quarter-finals: Ajaccio 0, Monaco 3: Casn 1, Marsedes 3: Cannes 1, Ped Star 0 (sed); Baetla 0, Nancy 0 (set; Baetla won 3-0 cn pens). PORTUGUESE CUP: Semi-final: Berifica 1, Bosvista 2

GOLF INA. Japan: Men's tournament: Leading first-round scores: 67: T Pernice (US), 69: M Ozahi (Japan). 70: P Sentor (Aus), B Franklin (Cen), B Jobe (US), K Ole (Japan), S Katayama (Japan). Others: 73: M Martin (Sp). 77: S Ballesteros

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Sweden 2, Finland 0 (m Stockholm).

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs, Inst round: Norris divison: Debroit Red Wings 5. Minnesota North Stars 4 (0T) (Minnesota lead best-of-seven series, 2-1); Si Louis Blues 5, Circago Blackholmins 4 (2OT) (51 Louis lead, 2-11. Smythe division: Winnippo Jets 4, Vancouver Carucks 2 (Winnippo Jeds, 2-1); Edmonton Cilera 4, Los Angeles Kings 3 (Edmonton lead, 2-1)

TAMPERE, Fintand: Women's world

**REAL TENNIS** SEACOURT: George Witnpey British women's open championship: Second round (British urless stated): M Allen by Jyckens, 6-2, 6-5; M Happel (Aus) bi 5 Newson, 6-1, 6-0; M Groszek bi P Denby, 6-2, 6-1; C Contwellis bi I Tuffnell, 6-4, 6-0.

SNOOKER

Frame scores (Fourist first): 102-48, 91-16, 53-21, 46-58, 25-58, 132-0, 59-29, 121-7, 52-54, 8-72, 81-89, 0-81, 64-60, 74-35, 37-80, 38-74, 83-8, 48-37. D O'Kane (NZ) bt S. James, 10-8, Frames (O'Kane first), 15-99, 14-89, 59-70, 28-71, 0-80, 61-34, 80-32, 94-14, 72-15, 12-82, 65-22, 89-37, 43-68, 22-67, 47-69, 72-25, 73-1, 84-46, 76-39, J White bt A Drago (Malba), 10-4, Frames (White first); 98-22, 4-77, 54-61, 59-29, 81-12, 86-42, 4-65, 72-48, 105-39, 58-57, 32-85, 1-91, 147-0, 67-24, T Griffishs (Walsa) bt R Chapperon (Cen.), 10-8, Frames (Gniffish first); 57-18, 52-55, 15-77, 56-33, 47-8, 0-76, 70-24, 82-14, 45-61, 0-85, 70-38, 93-32, 70-0, 60-49, 12-89, 34-65, 30-72, 52-27, A Robidoux (Can) bt N Bond, 10-7, Frames (Robidoux (Can) bt N Bond, 10-7, Frames (Robidoux (First); 52-33, 44-68.

FIXTURES

7 30 unless stated Barclays League Third division Wigan v Hartlegool. Fourth division

Crewe v Doncaster ...

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham v Blackburn (7.0). AVISOR: HOMERIAM V Blackburn (7.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:
Arsensi v Norwich (2.0). Crystal Palsos v
West Ham (2.0).
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES:
Tennents Floodit Trophy: Boole v
Great Harvood NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Winterton Rangers v Liversedge

HEADINGLEY (final day): Yorkshira il v England Under-19 BAIN CLARKSON SECOND XI TRO-PHY: Birkback College: MCC Young Christian u Abdelloom

CRICKET

GOLF: Gary Player Anvil Senior Classic (Si Perre, Chepstow). HOCKEY: Women's home countries champonship (Cork) SNOOKER: World championship TENNIS; LTA spring satellile lournament (Nottencham)

47-58, 72-65, 56-17, 76-27, 66-23, 75-29, 0-129, 53-61, 45-63, 74-38, 50-48, 70-17, 9-68, 0-80, 80-6. Discouringly (Wales) leads C Small (Scott), 5-4. Frames (Mountjoy first); 28-63, 76-1, 45-43, 51-65, 70-32, 17-111, 74-73, 64-47, 73-15

GOLD CUP: First division: Poole 45, losword 44.

LONG EATON: British under-21 champ-lonship: Qualifying round: 1, S Smith (Cradley Heath), 14pts; 2, M Loram (King a Lynn), 13; 3, J Screen (Belle Vue). 12.

OSLO: European junior team champlonship: Semi-finals: England 3, Nelherlands 0 (England names first): J Rennie bit M Pokomy, 9-3, 9-1, 9-1; P Buffer bit A Ruygrov, 9-1, 9-6, 9-0. S Felton bit V Alturson, 9-2, 9-1, 9-1; Finaland 2, Gormany 1, Minor play-offs: Wales 3, Ireland 0 (Wales names first): D Evane bit B Heaston, 9-6, 9-0, 9-3, M Crowley bit J Hurley, 9-5, 9-6, 9-5; K Bowen bit L Mylotte, 10-9, 9-7, 1-9, 10-8, France 5 Mylotte, 10-9, 9-7, 1-9, 10-8, France 5, Austria 1, Spein 2, Israèl 1, Sweden 2, Switzerland 1, Norway 3, Russia 0; Denmark 3, Italy 0.

OTHER SPORT

BARCELONA: Women's tournament: Second round: M Seles (Yug) bt N Jagarman-Muns (Nath), 5-3. 6-1; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) bt L Garrone (II), 6-2, 6-4; W Probal (Ger) bt F Bonsagnon (II), 5-1, 6-3; M Perce (Fr) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-2, 6-1.

Berifica 1, Bosvista 2
AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Play-offs: VSE St
Potten 1, TCS Tyrol 2; FC Stehl Linz 0,
Austria Vienna 1; Austria Salzburg 2,
Vorwaeris Steyr 0; Rapid Vlenna 0,
Admirs Wacker 0, Positions: 1, Austria
Vienna, 25

ICE HOCKEY

(Edinomon Med. 2-1)

TAMPERE, Finland: Women's world championships: Group A: Denmark 2, China 5; Sweden 1, Canada 6, Final poaltions: 1, Canada, 6pts; 2, Sweden, 4; 3, China, 2; 4, Denmark, 0, Canada and Sweden advance to semi-finals

**RUGBY UNION** UNDER-18 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Weles 3, France 7 (at Maesleg) **SPEEDWAY** 

# **SQUASH RACKETS**

**TENNIS** 

# Nebiolo in talks

Athletics: Primo Nebiolo, the International Amateur Athletics Federation president. held talks yesterday with the African National Congress at Olympics leader, Nelson Mandela. Also present was Lamine Diack, head of the African Amateur Athletics Confederation.

> for three places at the Olympic Games in the Austrian

play Whitley Warriors in the semi-finals. Cornwallis in battle Real tennis: Charlotte Cornwallis, the favourite, was given a hard battle by Isobel Tuffnell in her opening match of the George Wimpey British Women's Open championship at Seacourt.

Gardner to race

Wayne Gardner, will ride at Barcelona next month two months after breaking his right leg in five places.

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TENNIS 33

FRIDAY APRIL 24 1992

# Bruno looking too powerful for his own good



By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent THE BIG punch that knocked out José Ribalta may have floored Frank Bruno's chances of a world title elimination bout with Pierre Coetzer, of South Africa, the No. I contender of the World Boxing Association. Coetzer's manager. Cedric Kushner, who had told Bru-no's promoter, Mickey Duff. that Coetzer was prepared to meet Bruno in London in September, could not be found yesterday to talk

Duff feared Bruno's quick victory at Wembley Arena on Wednesday may have frightened off the South African. Bruno: back to training "It can happen if you look

too good," Duff said yester-day. Kushner had told Duff at the weekend, when he was here for the Freddie Mercury concert, that Bruno would find Ribalta - who last year had given Coetzer a hard fight — a very difficult man to beat. In the event, it took Bruno, at 30, a year older than his opponent, less than two rounds

However, Duff was not giv-ing up. He said he would be chasing Kushner and expected to find him within 48 hours. "Before the next 16 months are out, Frank Bruno will fight for the world title,"
Duff said. "I have a very good
relationship with Dan Duva
and Shelley Finkel, the men behind Evander Holyfield [the world champion]."

Duff was upset by some newspaper comments rubbishing Bruno's performance. "If people play down Bruno's performance, let's hope that Dan Duva and Shelley Finkel believe what they read in the papers." "He was a respectable op-

ponent," Bruno said. "I am more mature now. I dominated. He tried to put shots in from the top but I took it away from him. If you fail, you get criticised; if you succeed, you get criticised. It's a free country. All you can do is carry on." He will return to training immediately, possibly for a bout in June, de-pending on the availability of a suitable opponent.

quickly as possible," Bruno said. Lennox Lewis, the world-ranked European champion, was considered as an opponent but only on the condition that he admits to Bruno being the main attraction in the all-British bout and receiving the lion's share of the money. "If they accept they are bringing a lesser amount to

the table I will make the fight." Duff said. Lewis is due to meet Derek Williams, the Commonwealth champion, at the Albert Hall next Thursday.

Whatever the reasons for Ribalta's pathetic effort. Bruno's performance cannot be faulted. We shall never know if Ribalta, who is very experienced, just did not

ing well. or simply was caught before he had time to settle down. A Bruno jab can unsettle anybody but, for the first time in his 34-bout career. Bruno did look good.

Looking the part has often

been Bruno's biggest problem. Being a manufactured boxer, he was always too muscle bound, stiff, self-conscious and nervous. He al-ways appeared to be boxing by numbers. This time it was different. He was cool, relaxed, confident and, by his standards, more supple.

Duff said: "I have never seen him more relaxed before or during a fight. I spent the weekend with him and we walked and talked and he talked about Ribalta as if he

Bruno took charge straight away, outjabbed Ribalta and shaped well into his heavier punches, particularly the ones to the body, and best of all, refused to let the 6ft 7in Cuban off the hook. In the old days Bruno would either not have known that he had hurt his opponent or would have stood back to admire his handiwork before pro-

Apart from the good an experienced trainer like George Francis has done him, I am sure that Bruno's life on the boards — his song. dance and comedy routines in pantomime, basic though they are, before live audi-

body. Just as Ribalta was counted out. Bruno did something that seemed significant. He faced his supporters and punched the air with a "I showed him" look on his face.

Bruno mark one, the one that got out of boxing after his defeat by Mike Tyson three years ago, was too selfeffacing to make such an aggressive gesture. For Bruno mark two, it is a part of a new-found confidence that makes him feel he could win the world title. If he were to be given a match with Holyfield tomorrow. I feel he would have an even-money chance of winning.

Simon Barnes, page 32

White is

keen to

build on

big break

By PHIL YATES

WHEN Joe Davis beat Tom Dennis in the final of the inaugural world professional championship in 1927. he collected £6 10s. On Wednes-

day night, Jimmy White earned £114.000 by compil-

ing a maximum break on his

way to the last 16 of this year's

championship at the Crucible

White's 147, made in the

penultimate frame of his 10-4

first-round victory over Tony Drago. of Malta, was the

fourth maximum recorded by

a professional in competition

this season, and the four-

teenth in all. However, few of

the players in the exclusive

147 dub would begrudge

White's effort being described

From the moment he

clipped the eleventh red into a baulk pocket, and brought

the cue ball ten feet back

down the table into ideal pos-

ition on the black, you felt he

It was instant excitement.

unlike that generated when

Cliff Thorburn, of Canada.

made the only other maxi-

mum break in the 65-year

history of the championship

against Terry Griffiths in

1983. White's perfect run

took just ten minutes while

Apart from the obvious fi-

nancial implications of the break - £100,000 for a maxi-

mum and £14,000 for the

event's highest break - White

also drew great confidence

"If I can handle that kind

of pressure. I know my nerve

will stand up to anything

the championship," he said.

White, aged 29, is desperate to win the title for the first

time after being runner-up on

His next opponent will be

Alain Robidoux. The bearded

Canadian registered one of

his best victories of an indif-

ferent season yesterday when

he beat Nigel Bond, of Eng-

three occasions.

land, 10-7.

thrown at me for the rest of

Thorburn's lasted 19.

from his achievement

as the most stylish.

would not fail.

Theatre, Sheffield.

**Bowlers' brilliance inspires West Indies** 

# Ambrose and Walsh end S Africa hopes

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

THE dreams South Africa had held overnight of marking their momentous return to Test cricket with a victory against West Indies were rudely shattered here yesterday. Brilliant bowling by Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh on a worn pitch brought about one of the most abrupt collapses in history as West Indies won by 52

#### SCOREBOARD

Extras (b 4, fb 3, nb 4) ........

BOWLING Ambrose 24.47-34-6, Patterson 7-1-25-0, Benjamin 9-2-21-0; Weish 22-10-31-4, Adams 5-0-16-0; Simmons 5-1-13-0. Umpres D M Archer and S U Bucknor

In 95 minutes, South Africa lost their remaining eight second-innings wickets for 26 runs, having resumed need-ing 79 to win. Their batsmen could do nothing as the ball scuttled through low. Walsh took four for eight in 11 overs and Ambrose four for 16 in 10.4, bowling unchanged together and ending the match

shortly before hunch. It brought West Indies their eleventh successive win on the ground on which they have only been beaten once in 27 Test matches since 1929-30. It was a dramatic victory which will restore morale and confidence for both their players and supporters in a difficult time of transition. South Africa contributed equally to a magnificent Test

match. In particular this triumph will mean much to Richie Richardson, in his first Test as West Indies captain. Richardson has been criticised endlessly since he succeeded Vivian Richards. Now he smiled broadly as, waving an Antiguan flag seized from the crowd, he led his players on a circuit of the field. "I wanted to show everyone how united we are as a team." he said.

Less than a thousand spectators were again present but the West Indians among them made enough noise for five times that number. Everton Weekes diplomatically gave the man-of-the-match award jointly to Ambrose and Andrew Hudson, whose stalwart 163 in South Africa's first innings had ensured a

competitive game.

Ambrose, who overall had six for 34 in the innings, was now as great a bowler as any in West Indian history, David Holford, the West Indies manager, said. "South Africa outplayed us for three days before we came into the

Mike Procter, the South Africa coach, said: "Perhap: we did not bat positively enough and allowed them to bowl too well. It was a hammer blow when Wessels got out so early."

Walsh tilted the match irrevocacbly towards West Indies in the first hour when he dismissed Wessels, Kuiper and Kirsten in the course of 27 balls at a cost of six runs. Only a leg-bye had been added to South Africa's overnight 122 for two when Wessels, the captain, drove flat-footed at Walsh, and Lara held a catch at slip.

Cronje was held low down by Williams as he stabbed desparingly at a low ball from Ambrose. Williams took another good catch when Kuiper pushed outside the off stump against Walsh and the wicketkeeper dived to his left to hold the ball from an inside

Kirsten square-drove the

morning's only four against Ambrose before he edged a ball from Walsh into his stumps. Kirsten had fought valiantly for three-and-threequarter hours in all, hit five fours and faced 168 balls. Snell was the next to go when he turned Walsh off his legs and Adams, who enjoyed

a splendid debut, took a reflex catch at forward short leg. Pringle was yorked by Ambrose, who in his next over had Richardson caught behind as he swished, and next ball ended the game by bowl-

THE belief that the signing of

Chris Lewis and Chris Cairns

would make Nottingham-

shire an almost irresistible

force is not yet proven. Lewis

has not taken long to make an

impression for his new coun-

ty, taking five for 46 yester-

day, his best return in one-

day cricket, but Nottingham-

shire's batting let them down

for the second time so far this

Kent, by contrast, are play-

ing to their full potential, claiming their second Benson

& Hedges Cup victory of the

week with ten overs to spare, a

margin that illustrated the

paucity of Nottinghamshire's

performance. Even Lewis's

by 61 runs

season.



# Marshall brooks no argument

SOUTHAMPTON (Essex won toss): Hampshire (2pts) beat Essex by 41 runs

AFTER being bowled out for 61 on Tuesday, Essex, the favourites to win just about everything this season fared little better yesterday. They mustered only 136 against Hampshire, Graham Gooch, again not scoring, and will be hard put to remain in the Benson and Hedges Cup. In 31 matches in this competition Malcolm Marshall had never won the gold award, a statistic which sits oddly alongside Gooch's record total of 19. Now, racing in as if to give the lie to the notion that he is merely seeing out the last years of his career, he took the first three Essex wickets and four for 20

in all. There was no doubting who would win this award. If anyone other than Gooch

in successive innings, it would pass scarcely noticed. With the England captain, though, this evoked horrid memories of 1987 — the last fime the Pakistanis were here when a string of noughts at Chelmsford led to him wondering whether he would ever again be able to bat effectively.

Early in an innings Gooch's footwork can be markedly limited. He was only half-forward to the ball Marshall looked to cut back at him. Stephenson was also leg-before, padding up, and in his third over Marshall beat Waugh, who was also playing indeterminately.

This was classy fast bowling. Marshall is 34 and retired from Test cricket but his ambition to play in a one-day final remains. He conceded just one run in this spell and that was a no-ball. Essex did rather better when Marshall's initial seven

overs ended. Ayling, looking

a yard quicker than last season, removed Prichard and Knight but Hussain and Pringle eked out 59 runs for the sixth wicket. Overs were not an issue and Hussain. watched by Micky Stewart, England's manager, took 115 balls in making 55. What decided the outcome was when Marshall returned

and had him taken at gully. Having put Hampshire in and bowled them out for 177, Essex must have thought they had the match won. Middleton batted, or rather battled. throughout 34 overs for 41. and Robin Smith crashed the ball around with customary power, but the kinds of in-nings that Chris Smith so often provided in the past was not forthcoming now.

Hampshire last nine wickets fell for 69. Gower and Nicholas among them. They too, were leg-before, to Foster and llott, whose line and zip were especially impressive.

P Tarry low b lott
C Miscleton low b Stephenson
A Smith c Garnham b Stephenson
I Gover low b Poster
I C J Notholas low b lott
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J Maru c Knight b Pringle
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A Connor b Pringle
C Marshell c Courter
A Connor b Pringle

Total (55 overs) ..... TAIL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-106, 3-111, 4-124, 5-143, 6-145, 7-165, 8-188, 9-175. BOWLING: Foster 11-1-25-1; Bott 11-1-27. 3; Stephenson 11-0-47-2; Pringle 10.4-0-40-2; Such 11-2-32-2.

Extres (lb 6, w 14, nb 2) .

Extres (b 1, 20 9, w 7, rfb 2) ...... 19

Extres (0 1, 20 5, w 7, 10 2) 136

Total (49.2 overs) 136

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-1, 3-5, 4-33, 5-51, 6-110, 7-127, 8-127, 9-128.

SOWLING: Marshall 11-3-20-4; Connor 9-1-23-0; Udai 11-1-27-3; Ayling 9-2-25-2; Mary 9-3-1-31-1.

Gold event: M D Marshall (Hampshire).

Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Results, page 33 Writers honour Lineker

> GARY Lineker will end his career in England as the 1992 Footballer of The Year after the Tottenham Hotspur forward was a clear victor in the annual poil of the English Football Writers' Association. They voted Stuart Pearce,

of Nottingham Forest, runner-up, with Brian McClair, of Manchester United, third. Lineker, aged 31 and committed to playing in Japan next season, first won the trophy in 1986 at Everton. The Football League's search for financial security without the first division clubs received a boost yesterday with the signing of a fouryear £2.5 million sponsorship with Jewsons. The sponsorship rewards clubs which show the most initiative in

customer services. ☐ The mini-league semi-final series will be used again in next season's European Cup, the Uefa executive committee have announced.

United's future, page 33



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By Peter Ball TRENT BRIDGE (Nottingpersonal best does not bear too close examination, all five wickets coming as Kent threw hamshire won toss): Kent (2pts) beat Nottinghamshire their bats after a slow start.

But it was the batting which betrayed Nottinghamshire. Without Robinson. who is expected to miss the first month with a broken thumb, only Broad batted with a purpose to match that of the early Kent batsmen.

Benson, who won the gold award, and Ward gave Kent a sound, if cautious start only 57 coming off the first 20 overs — and when Ward tried to accelerate, he departed, flashing at a wide one from Evans. Benson went on to his 50 off 92 balls with just

At lunch at 122-1 off 37 overs. Kent appeared to have laid the foundations securely, but the subsequent building proved more difficult. Ben- real pace. Yesterday, he

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Batting again betrays Nottinghamshire son skied to wide mid-on as he tried to increase the momentum and Taylor, also essaying a big drive, put up a skier for French to take running round towards gulley.

By contrast, Nottinghamshire had a poor start as Igglesden trapped Randall leg before for his second duck of the season in his second over and Crawley drove at Ealham, a thick outside edge ending in Fleming's safe hands at cover. It hardly seemed to matter as Broad and Johnson came together to make the bowling look ordinary in a stand of 72 in

15 overs. Broad is one of England's forgotten men, but he is still only 34 and it is arguable that, after Gooch, he is still the best English opening batsman, certainly against

played with absolute certainty until he got twitchy against Davis, spooning a full toss just beyond mid-off and then clipping the next ball to wide mid-on, where Cowdrey took a good falling catch. .

By then, the innings was falling apart at the seams. Johnson, the acting captain, once again played one of those delightful cameos which do less than justice to his talent before driving at a wide delivery to edge to Marsh. Pollard was run out by Fleming's direct throw. and the much-vaunted strength in depth seemed questionable as Lewis and Cairns both fell to mis-timed drives, the tail subsiding

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Out of left field in Labour's election contest comes

Red Ken and his prescription for

the government of tomorrow

appy days are here again, when Red Ken comes out (with Bernie Grant in tow) to challenge Messrs Smith and Gould for the Labour leadership, just when it seemed that the new model party was destined for terminal middleclass acceptability.

Nobody has re-styled Ken Livingstone's cheeky red face, gingery moustache and nasal south London vowels. He still has his reptilian pets. He still makes wry comments about himself: "I have four O-levels, which fully qualifies me to be prime minister." After five years in the Westminster wilder-ness, marginalised and ignored by a leader intent on reforming the party image, he emerges in the wake of their crushing defeat with a radical manifesto, his old easy charm intact.

On Wednesday he was off to Brussels to speak on European monetary matters, but there was time before his flight to take breakfast at the Golden Vale caff on Cricklewood Broadway. He tucked into The Irishman's Breakfast designed for the burly labourer of egg. sausage, bacon and mush-rooms with bubble and squeak. "Candidate caught masticating," he said, as the photographer snapped away. The lady sweeping the floor bent his ear about a girlfriend of her son's. Brent council had given her a flat on the notorious Chalkhill Estate in Wernbley. Vandals had moved in and wrecked the new carpets and graffitied over the walls. The poor girl is under the doctor and refuses to go back. Yes, Ken will help. "Nobody in their right mind wants to live on the Chalkhill estate," he says. "They put all the homeless families there. It's a riot just waiting to explode. The Tory council puts no barrier between people and the awfulness of life."

His immediate task is to ring every Labour MP personally to try to get the written support of 20 per cent of them for his leadership. This is Labour's barmy and backward Stalinist rule, in the old days he would need only per cent]. Kinnock's way of saying, 'Let's make it impossible for them.' A lot of MPs may agree with what I'm saying, but the press assumes Smith is going to win and people don't want to blot their copybook, they want to vote for the

mith may be the most plausible candidate ("Tony Banks said if John Smith could visit every home in Britain, every home would have stone cladding, double glazing and a full set of encyclopaedias") but he insists that not even Mr Smith could have won this election, and nor could cuddly Ken himself. Mr Livingstone pins the Labour campaign failure on its tax and national insurance plans which would have

hit the average working man.
"The increases at £21,000 cost us the election. In London, £21,000 is the average income of the skilled the lower-middle-class families. I warned them months ago: but anything I said (or Benn or Skinner) was ignored. People would say to me, 'I can afford another £200 a year, but I just can't afford any more. In Brent East we had a real problem on the doorsteps, in the areas where everyone is mortgaged up to the hilt. In London, £21,000 a year does not give you a life of luxury: you're better off on the £15,000 average in £4; better h."

Edinburgh."
His solution centres on reducing defence spending by £7 billion. "Germany is committed to reducing its military budget to 2 per cent of GDP, which is £11 billion. Yet we've still got an army on the Rhine! We could end up spending more on defending Germany than Germany does. And who are we defending Germany from? The

wicked French? The rampantly expansionist Czechs? What a joke. "You have to be honest with



# Mr Livingstone presumes

litary presence. You are trying to do too much. People know it. doesn't add up.'

Defeat has sent his friends into a state of clinical depression, he says. but he felt it all slipping away in the last week, "aided by that disastrous Sheffield rally." Mr Livingstone says he was not invited to that, nor to any Labour party event in the last five years. Even when he was on the national executive committee, his invitation would arrive too late. "Vindictive and petty? Yes," be

Even when the party was draw-ing up its proposals for a new London body, the former Greater London Council chiefs views were not invited. "Expressing any dis-senting opinion was regarded as an act of disloyalty. Whoever wins the leadership, the party will never be so unpleasant again. I was put up for the coypu control committee," he says, "and then they announced the coypu was extinct and the committee disbanded."

Only the scrupulous fairness of Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, allowed Mr Livingstone's voice to be heard in the House at all. "And, as I got up, I could feel the entire Labour benches freeze rigid.

"Fleet Street called Neil the most

brilliant party manager, because he got rid of the people Fleet Street didn't like. Then we hit the election and fell flat on our faces. If Fleet Street's on his side, a Labour leader should wonder what he's doing wrong. They weren't going to support us when the crunch came. A Labour leader should be vilified by the vastly rich and powerful men who control the press. If the Labour party wins the approval of Captain Maxwell, you have to ask, 'Why is Britain's most successful crook backing me?"

He has watched the party mem-bership drain away, demoralised, because they felt they were no longer welcome. They might as well go and dig their gardens. At least plants don't make it plain they

people. No government, Tory or dislike you. And politics is always Labour, can have pensions and about touching people's hearts. investment in industry and a That's what Mrs Thatcher understood so well, and she Mad, but brilliant."

This week he aired his views on Mrs Thatcher's Newsweek article "Let's hear lots more from Mrs Thatcher. She is doing the Labour party a great service by putting the knife in John Major's back") in The Sun, which once called him The Most Odious Man in Britain, and where his smiling mug-shot now appears every Wednesday. "Eleven million read it." he says. "My column is the single most impor-tant thing I do for the Labour party. Half their readers vote Labour. And my column goes in unedited, even if the editor tells me everything I write is the opposite of Sun policy. I spent five years boycotting all Murdoch papers. But I have to confess it seems not to have forced

him into insolvency."

This week he also reissued his challenge to John Smith to a television debate, to which Mr Smith has not responded. The income he gets from the column and from his ads for Red Leicester cheese goes into his private company, funding a database £15,000 a year) of economic analysis, often

'I was put up for the coypu control committee, and then they announced the coypu was extinct and the committee disbanded'



protection of the environment. Well, Red Ken was a leader once, and not everyone in London feared

identifying economic trends, he boasts, weeks before the Financial Times does. He is now sending his bulletin to Russia, to counter the influence of the Chicago school economists, expounding his view that while the market is fine as a system of distribution and exchange, intervention is needed for planning, investment, training and



heartland, instead of spending time in areas we needed to take. He ignored the southeast. Now that's a big plus for Bryan Gould. You can't get any further south than New Zealand." At 46 Mr Livingstone has matured into a home-owner. He has moved from a council flat to a small (mortgaged) Victorian terraced house. He has made his 90ft southfacing rectangle a haven for wildlife

The arts patronage has gone. And the selling of County Hall to the Japanese has aroused real hatred."

Japanese has aroused real natred."
He also managed to give the GLC some yupple appeal: the 25 to 45-year-old ABs swung to Labour because they looked like the future. He sees it as a fatal Kinnock error that he near tunced London and

that he never wooed London and the south. "He stuck to the old

faithful in the traditional Labour



and loathed his GLC: at least when he was at the hub of London's ous friends, frogs, toads and the incoherent sprawl, feelings of rage famous newts. "A beautiful dragonfly, bigger than your pen, irridescent green in colour, took up residence for a week," he says or pride had some sort of focus. "Now, the travelling public is treated with contempt, we have the idiocy of one-man operated buses. What a single-minded cove he is.
Politics fills his life; no car, no kids.
But he always prefers to be among
people than alone, and in television Irrespective of party, we could have built the Jubilee Line out to Dockdands years ago. Now they hope to raise the necessary billions to get it built by the next century.

studios he is a shameless wooer of audiences. "Everybody feels they can approach me, in the street, on the train to the NUT conference. I am not a person of solitude and introspection. I am not a Nictzschean figure sitting on a mountain thinking great thoughts." He tells me there is a Sikh temple at Southall where his nickname is engraved in stone. This temple was opened by Mr Red Ken

ed Ken was bred a working-class Tory. Before he did his teacher training, he briefly followed his window-cleaner father, until his knuckles bled with cold. He joined the Labour party in 1969, despite his mistrust of Harold Wilson, in order to change the party: now he wants to seize his only chance. "When Mrs Thatcher was

pushed on to her sword so shabbily

at least the Labour party waits for
a leader to go of his own volition the public opinion polls gave a very different view from the MPs. If we had a primaries system operating here. I'd be totally confident of my ability to win.

He has told Mr Smith that there

should be no block votes from unions: all trade union members should be balloted. "If they were," he says, the outcome of this contest could be very different."

A reporter had asked him wha role Kate Allen, his partner (she was a contender with Glenda Jackson for the Labour candidac in Hampstead) would play, and was given a dusty answer. "I said she would not be dragged around with me like Hillary Clinton, holding her husband's hand and gazing into his eyes. What an insult

to women." He says he likes both Smith and Gould. "They represent completely different strands of British culture. and Labour only wins when it gets both these strands out to vote for it." But he and Bernie Grant are from the same strand: a one-note ticket. "No. This is the first time in the history of Britain a black person has run for deputy leader."

Labour voters may accuse Red Ken of dividing party loyalties: an East European view, he says. "All elections are divisive. This is how democracy works." And as for leading a party doomed by bound-ary changes never to be able to win? "We got 35 per cent of the wote. The Tories got 41. That is bridgeable."

What about Marx's (correct) perception that if people lived like the bourgeoisie, they would begin to vote like the bourgeoisie, according to their material interests? society, once pyramid-shaped, is now an egg. "Once, the Labour party could get the middle and the bottom of the pyramid to vote together. Thatcher's brilliance was to fracture that. The egg-shaped society is the dilemma for every party in the West: economic policy has to reassure the skilled middle income workers. I hope this election has pushed home the lesson. If our economic policy won't add up, it is a self-inflicted wound. That's why I'm running. I want a Labour government, and I'd like to lead it."

We walked out into sunny suburban Cricklewood. He pointed out the barricaded windows of its most illustrious resident, Peter O'Toole, and the boundary estate which the Tories plan to sweep into Westmin-ster, thus eliminating Mr Living-stone's majority. Let us not forget his canny, populist, communicative skills. In 1981, in Radio 4's Man of the Year contest he was voted the Year contest, he was voted

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THE THEVING MAGPIE: Opera North calebrates the Rossini bicomenary with a new production of the Thieving Magpie, in a new English translation by Jeremy Sans. The cast includes Andrew Shore, Anne Dawson and Barry Banks. Iver Bolton conducts one of Rossin's liveliest and most appealing scores. Grand Theatre, 45 New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351), tonight, 7.15pm.

BALLET DU FARGISTAN: Presented as BALLET DU FARGESTARC PRESENCE AS part of the Turning World season, the Brazilian-born, Paris-based choreographer Brighte Farges gives the British premiere of *Tedore et l'en peur* pils, a new work developed in strael. The Place, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), tonight, terrecettes from

LE BOURGEOIS GENTELHOMME: NECK Dear's new version of Molère's play with Timothy Spall as the hero Monsieur Jourdain who, in his desperate search for learning and culture, fails prey to a money-grabbling Count. Anita Dobson as Madame Jourdain. The production begins previews tomorrow and opens on

Mational (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

M ANGELS BY AMERICA: Thrilling m Artests at Amenica, Inning performances in Tony Kushner's faccurating state-of-the-Union drama on Aids, religion, politics, everything. Rational (Cottestoe), South Bank, SE (071-928 2252), Tonight, comorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm.

BERLIM BERTIE: Howard Brenton's sharp though muddled critique of the new Europe where a social worker, a trusting wife and a spy have lost their bearings. With Penry Downie, Diana Rigg and Nicholas Woodeson.

Royal Court, Stoare Square, SW1 (071-730 1745), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Cost Asm 135mins.

Sat, 4pm. 135mins, ☐ THE COTTON CLUB: An impress of the Harlem nightspot: high on energy, low on story freshness. Aldwyrch, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mms.

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DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Two
Geoldine James and LI DEATH AND THE MAIDER' Two new cast members, Geraldine James and Paul Freeman, join Michael Byme in Ariel Dorfman's supers political drama on the longing for revenge, Duste of York's, St Mertin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Set, 4pm, 120mins.

☐ AN EVENING WITH GARY LINEIGER: Sometimes droll look at the fantasies of a frustrated woman talliases of a husuality warners married to a soccer nut. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (071-494 5075). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ GOOD ROCKIN' TONETE: Satisfying musical celebrating Fifties and Striles pop dessics. Great stuff. Phayhouse, Northumberland Avenue (071-839 4401). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri. Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 150mins. Set, 3-3-4-min and a-3-4-min, 19-mins.

21 HEARTHEAK HOUSE; Paul
Scofield and Vanessa Redgrave head
Trevor Nurn's splendid cast in Shaw's
timeless, state-oil-Brigland drama.
Theatre Royal, Haymarker, SWI (071930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats
Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 225mins.

NEW RELEASES BROADWAY BOUND (PG): Neil Simon's after ego, Eugene, takes the plunge as a professional writer. Fat performances (Anne Bancruft, Hume Cromyn), but thin chema. Director, Paul Bogart. Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

**+ THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE** director, Curtis Hanson. Canaden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys

NAKED LUNCH (18): A film like no other, skilfully carved from William Burroughs's novel by director David Cronenberg-Peter Welder as the writer-hero in a drug-induzed Tangler of the mind. With Judy Davis, Ian Holm.
Camden Plaza (071–485 2443) Sate (071–727 4043) MGM Shaffesbury Avenus (071–836 6279/379 7025)
Screen on the Green (071–226 3520).

REBECCA'S DAUGHTERS (12): Univieldy comic romo from a Dyl Thomas script about injustice and rebellion in 19th century Wales. With Peter O'Toole; director, Karl Francis. Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

 ■ RICOCHET (18): Escaped prisoner John Lithgow attempts to ruin assistant D.A. Denzel Washington, Cruef, excessive thriller that makes Cape Fear look like Wild Strawberries. Director, took fibe Wild Strawberries. Director, Russell Mulcahy. MGM Fulhern Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-635 3510) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

TIME WILL TELL (15): Documentary tame with Levil (15) Documentary about reggae king Bob Marley's life, music and beliefs, featuring 22 songs, plus rehearsal and interview footage. Director, Dedan Lowney. Princa Charles (071-437 8181).

UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD (15):

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

STARS FROM THE BOLSHOI BALLET: STAND THOM THE BOLSHOT BALLET: Boishot ballerina Natatya Bessmentnova leads the company of 30 dancers on an extensive British tour from now until July, under the direction of Boishot director Yall Grigorovich. The repertore includes the second acts of Swan Lake and Giselfe, and a selection of their rickerson. divertissements. The tour is designed to bring a taste of the Bolshoi to venues too small to accommodate the full

company. Pervilion, Nilibay, Plymouth (0752 279922), tonight, tomerrow, 7,30pm. CAPRICORD: At the end of a week, that seems dominated by opera galas and compilations of popular classics, another concert in Capricorn's Pupils of Messiaen series promises more austere Messiaen series promises more austere rewards. The programme includes works by Xenakis, Kurtag, Paul Meriano and Stockhausen, as well as premieres of

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ HENRY IV, PART 1: Julian Glover, Robert Stephens, Michael Maloney In Adrian Noble's stiming production. Barbican, Silk Street, S£1 (071-638

EJ MOBY DICK: A girls' school puts on a fund-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Captain Ahab. Beached musical. Piccadilly, Derman Street, W1 (071-867 1118), Mon-Sat, Bpm, mars Tues, Set 40m 135mins.

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tackling our rotting legal system, delivers skillful blows with his customary with

skilful bloves wou in and passion. and passion. Regional (Offvier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Toraght, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm.

THE POCKET DREAM: Foolish

Sun. 3om, 135mins.

Durlesque of A Middemmer Night's Dream, with Milke Michane and Sandi Tolking. Dedicated fars only. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tues-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, Sun Zene 125-sites.

☐ THE POPE AND THE WITCH:
Drugs, death and dementia in the
Vatican: Dario Fo's frantic cornedy falls
as flat as a pizza.
Connedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867
1045). Mon-Sat, Bpm, mat Wed, 3pm,
mat Sat, 4pm, 135mins.

HERLECTED GLORY: Albert Finney very furny as the victim of a play by his brother, Stephen Moone; after this good start Ronald Harwood's new cornety peters out.

pieces by Chen Oi Gang and Erik Holsgaard. There is a pre-concert talk (at 7pm) by composer Jonathan Harvey, Parcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 8pm.

NATIONAL YOUTH BRASS BAND OF GREAT BRITAIN: This concert is the culmination of an Easter school and cumination or an essers shoot and includes the world premises of a new composition for marimba by the Comish composer Goff Richards. The piece is performed by percussionist Evelyn Glennie and comet virtuoso Philip McCann, Roy Newsome conducts.

Barbican, Sik Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), tomorrow, 7.15pm. ORNETTE COLEMAN: Presentiv

ORNETTE COLEMAN: Presently enjoying attention for his musical contribution to Cronenberg's Naked Lunch, this catalyst of the tree jazz movement and tireless immovator is touring for the first time with his new-look band, Prime Time. The four-date tour moves to Edinburgh's Queen's Half on Monday, the Fare Trade Hall, Manchester on Tuesday and ends at the Festival Hall on Wednesday. Town Hall, Victoria Square, Birmingham (021-236 2392), Sun, Bpm.

Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins. Nicholas Lynchurst, Neil Daglish and Carmel McSharry in likeable cornedy

her gay son. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm. mass Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins. III THE VIRTUOSO: Shadwell's Restoration cornedy of bad behaviour the home of a bumbling savara, directed with verve by Phyllida Lloyd. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Sik Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight,

LONG RUNNERS: [2] Aspects of Lower Prince of Wales (071-839 5972)

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆)

CURRENT

LA BÊLLÉ NOISEUSE --DAYSCHIMENTO (18): Faschating two-hour digest of Jacques Rivette's epic about the painter, his model and an unfinished canvas. With Michel Piccoli, Emmaruelle Béart. musie beart. ma (071-235 4225).

◆ BUGSY (18): Warren Beetty as the gangster who Invented Las Vegas. Sleek, witty, dazzling to behold. Starring Annethe Bening: director, Barry Levinson. MGM Chalsen (071–352 5095) MGM Haymarfact (071–839 1527) Octoons: Kenzingster, (1826 144655)

Kensington (0426 914666) Mazzanine (0426 915683). ◆ CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-con Robert De Niro terrorises Nick Nolte and family. Martin Scorsese's feroclous ramey, warm scorese's rescous-remake of a classic revenge thriter. With Jessica Lange, Juliette Lewis. Empkra (071-497 9999) MGM Fullham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-334 0031) Whitsdays (071-792 3332).

◆ THE DOCTOR (12): Callous surgeon (William Hurt) goes under the knife and becomes a better person. Familiar material, but lively treatment. Director, Randa Haines. Camden Perioway (071-267 7034) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

WHISTLE STOP CAPE (12): Heart-warming lines of felsy folks down South. Shallow, but ingratisting. With Kathy Bates, Jessica Tandy, Mary Stuart Masterson; director, Jon Avnet. Odeons. Kensington (0226 914666) Mezzanime (0426 915683) Screen on

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VOYAGER (15): Strange coincidences and a pretty girl derall the life of a globe-trotting engineer (Sam Shepard). Sober, absorbing version of Mixx Prisch's novel. Homo Faber, director, Volker Schlöndorff. Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

THEATRE

# Subdued light on love's follies

As You Like It RST. Stratford

The man was a survival of the second of the

SHAKESPEARE'S Romeo and Juliet has always struck me as a comedy that chances to go wrong and end badly. Had not the Mantuan public-health authorities made trouble for the Mantuan postal services, the lovers would probably have ended up as happily as Rosalind and Orlando. For David Thacker, As You Like It seems to be the very opposite, a tragedy that somehow

contrives to go right and end well.

His Royal Shakespeare Company production opens in the kind of court that Velazquez painted, trying to keep his brush from trembling as he dabbed away at the ruffs beneath those sour, yellowish faces. The towering walls are made of marble and as black as the props, the costumes and, indeed, everything down to the eye-patch grimly sported by one regal crone. The courtiers parade and posture, looking as if they needed only an auto de fe to make their day. Everybody has a lacquered hair-do, imperial-Japanese in style, except Andrew Jarvis's Duke Frederick, who is hald, mean, and

paranoid to the point of psychosis. Nor is there much of a world elsewhere. Seldom have I seen an Orlando more distraught at his maltreatment by his brother Oliver than Peter de Jersey, or an Oliver who radiated more lago-like hate-waves at Orlando than Adrian Lukis. As for that sylvan escape-harch, the Forest of Arden, it could hardly be less welcoming. The time invariably seems to be a murky blend of twilight and dawn. Exiled lords cower beneath blankets or shiver in ratty furs beside a mingy little fire, like dissidents on the run from a

WHEN Alan Ayckbourn gives a play a

iolly title, and starts off by showing his

characters having a great time together in this case sitting round a table in an Italian restaurant gabbling away

19 to the dozen — be sure that disaster

lies no farther than a brandy glass

away. The three women clamber out of

the wreckage and advance to happier things; the men, poor saps, in their

different ways, go under and stay there.

Ayckbourn finds yet another new way

to unfold his drama. All the scenes are

set in the restaurant, where Terence

Booth plays the amiable owner and

also four of his variously talented

waiters. Gerry Stratton has arranged a

family party to celebrate his wife's 54th

birthday; roving son Glyn (Richard

Garnetti has patched up his failing marriage with Stephanie to please his

parents, and home-boy Adam has brought along his new girl, Maureen. Laura, the mother, dislikes her on

sight, but then she thinks little of gushy

Stephanie either, or her son Glyn, for

IF CHANNEL 4's True Stories - The

Cassel had not been a true story but a

fictional drama instead, a viewer might have concluded that its opening scenes

were penned by Samuel Beckett and its

closing ones by Tom Stoppard. For half an hour, its characters, its very

incidents, seemed like unconnected

vessels bobbing without rhyme or

reason on an unfathomable ocean of

misery. Then, unexpectedly, what had

seemed opaque and irrational began to

acquire a strong thread of cogency, a sense of an ethical debate passionately articulated. That was remarkable, because most of those taking part were

The Cassel is a psychiatric hospital in

Surrey. Those unconnected vessels were its patients: angry Janice, for ever kicking against the rules; tormented

Lynne, waking up each night scream-

ing with terror; or Mick, who over-

dosed and told staff that "death is the

emotionally or mentally disturbed.

Resourceful artificer that he is,



Rosalind (Samantha Bond, left), Celia (Phyllida Hancock) and Orlando (Peter De Jersey)

KGB camp. Meanwhile, a doleful singer reassures them with no conviction whatever that the winter wind is less unkind than man's ingratitude. Jaques's "all the world's a stage" seems not nihilism, but a reflection of reality. Like almost everything else in Thacker's production, this is beautifully staged and finely acted. Indeed, the closing moments of the first half, with an exhausted Orlando gratefully embracing Jeffery Dench's Duke Senior, is more moving than it could possibly have been in a less dark production. The trouble with Thacker's approach, though, is that it needs a weightier second half than Shakespeare pro-

vides. Love-games and chlorophyll are

not enough to transform a world as

profoundly troubled as this.

Yet before long that doubt is halfforgotten, swept aside by the clarity and momentum of the events unfolding beneath what is now the ample foliage of Johan Engels's set. Samantha Bond's Rosalind begins quietly, but makes her mark as a kind of androgynous elf or sprite, part Ariel and part Peter Pan. Perhaps her passion for Orlando could be stronger (his mauling by a lion appals her hardly more than the nipping of a postman by a spaniel) and certainly her rapport with Phyllida Hancock's curiously understretched Celia could be greater. But her self-mocking wit and intelligence are as nimble as the shoeless feet which carry her across Engels's lichen-covered rocks.

The production's other successes

power of his Jaques, a self-indulgent Dostoevskyan melancholic as tenacious with his cynicism as with the long blue-black overcoat he refuses to take off when everybody else is dressing for spring. Where has this actor been hiding? We will surely see much more

include de Jersey's gangling Orlando:

Anthony O'Donnell's Touchstone, a

droll troglodyte given to lugubrious eye-rolling at the families around him:

and, above all, Michael Siberry's

Jaques. He is not the most musical of

men. On opening night his voice

sounded raw and unsettled, as if he

had been gargling with carbolic. Yet that only added to the unaffected

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THEATRE

## Separate tables at the **Ayckbourn trattoria**

Time of my Life

Stephen Joseph,

that matter. Underneath her manner, according to Gerry, she is a very vulnerable person. Not so

Scarborough as you'd notice. After the young couples depart, lovingly or furiously, they re-appear at the two other tables; Glyn and Stephanie meeting there for a succession of lunches that takes their story forward over the next couple of years; Adam and Maureen for a reverse succession of meals that extends back to their first, absurdly accidental, encounter.

restraints imposed by 30 years of marriage, and the sav-agely destructive Laura is shown to

have been, yes, once upon a time, very vulnerable. So on the three areas of the stage time is jumping forward, jumping backward and inching along in keeping with clock time, unpicking three different romances. Pain, the constant at the Glyn-Stephanie table, unexpect-edly shifts from one to the other so that Karen Drury in successive scenes is ca-Meanwhile, at the main table, a tatonic with grief, svelte in new-found sinister blue liqueur has loosened the purpose and (in a final scene back at

the party) cringingly effusive once again. Ayckbourn is even cleverer than usual in finding the line that pin-points

what has been developing elsewhere. Stephen Mapes's sweetly ineffectual Adam is evidently up to satisfying the erotic demands of his no-nonsense Maureen, and their scenes are the funniest, with Sophie Heyman excellent in a peach of a part.

The play springs several surprises. After Russell Dixon's Gerry has exhausted himself shouting in a whisper, his reverie with Colette O'Neil's suddenly tender Laura becomes that rarity in Ayckbourn, a love scene. Ayckbourn himself directs: the main characters are nearly always sitting, which causes masking, but the pace and twists of mood are firmly controlled. What occurs to his characters is really very ordinary, but his great gift lies in making ordinary attitudes collide, thus causing the true to be funny and invigorating to

JEREMY KINGSTON

\* TELEVISION REVIEW

# **Playing patients**

hospital run in the belief that group discussions and the

treatments.

lems, every day.

"Patients here take such risks, really push themselves to the limit," said one of the Cassel's doctors. That seemed

true. In place of the comforting (and

private) conventions of a doctor-patient

relationship, here was an environment

of naked and dangerous openness, in which 50 people in various states of mental instability were encouraged to

offer "feedback" on each other's prob-

**True Stories** Channel 4

as a co-operative, one patient's tanforming of powerful bonds between patients are the best er's increased workload. So anti-social

Cassel is structured

behaviour is ruthlessly identified by the patients, not cloaked in professional mental-health euphemisms. This pressure seems to work, at least in one brutal sense: ancient wounds still unhealed, are quickly exposed -

and not without pain. Lynne, it transpired, was abandoned by her mother when she was eight, and later sexually abused by her stepbrothers. Mick's overdose was triggered by a visit to his mother's grave, for the first only thing that matters". Yet its passionate debate came from these same patients, for this is a psychiatric would ever dare to be. Because the

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to see if she was really dead. "She died with her eyes open, and she had been crying," he told his fellow patients. "Now I call myself a robot; I just shut down my emotions."

Judged purely in technical terms as a fly-on-the-wall documentary, the programme was flawless. Patients spoke frankly and astonishingly fluently about themselves, sometimes straight to camera. Perhaps honesty is the best policy. But I was left uneasy, feeling like a voyeur.

At one point, Lynne, shaking like a leaf in a storm, screamed: "All this caring is too much. I can't handle it. All these people want to get so near me..." These did not strike me as being the words of a natural television performer. True Stories may have offered outsiders an engrossing inside view of a pioneering institution, but it left nagging questions unanswered about how its filming affected those on the inside.

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GALLERIES: LONDON

# Gaudy gods and fabulous beasts

n an ideal world, the Whitechapel Art Gallery's Living Wood exhibition ought to be preceded by a flamboyant street procession filled with extravagantly ornamental chariots. For some of the most spectacular carvings displayed inside the gallery were once conveyed, by the Hindus in Tamil Nadu or Pondicherry, around temples during

An entire chariot rests in one corner. encrusted with elaborate relief sculpture that rises in projecting tiers above the wheels. These complex, fantastically intertwined images are intricate enough to adom a great building. And four winged horses rear up at the front as if to pull the whole unwieldy structure through the sky.

A divinity once crowned the now-empty altar on top of the chariot, sheltered in a pyramidal tower made of blazingly col-oured cloth. But the absence of this hallucinatory centrepiece is compensated for nearby. A quartet of colossal yalis, the macabre animals who protected the deities inside a chariot's upper pavilion, hang down from the gallery columns. With fangs bared and blood-red claws held out ready to seize unseen enemies, they could hardly look more predatory.

The yalis' ferocity is beneficent, however. They may stand on decapitated human heads, but their victims are demons who deserved to be killed. So the animals' eering triumphalism is justified, and their outstretched forelegs show that victory over one wave of aggressors has not blunted their eagerness to do battle again.

Magnificent though the yalis and the chariot appear in this hugely enjoyable survey of Southern India's sculptural traditions, they have often been undervalued. Most grand collections of Indian art concentrate on far older artefacts, bypassing these carvings because of their relatively recent origin.

The Whitechapel's resplendent chariot was made for one of the Colonial Exhibitions staged in France early in the present century. Its lack of antiquity is no disadvantage, all the same. For this chariot, like the rest of the exhibits, replicates an object conceived far earlier in

the country's long history.

Since the Indian climate ensures that wood rots very rapidly, carvings were continually replaced by faithful copies. The objects now assembled at the White-chapel are therefore directly related to the oldest imperatives in the nation's sculpture. Ouite apart from their intrinsic vitality, they stand as the only record of long-perished carvings initially executed

many centuries ago.

Even these surviving images have long since ceased to perform the function they once fulfilled. Now sought-after by museums and collectors, most chariots only exist in a dismembered state. But at least the separation of their brackets and panels means each one can be viewed, close-to, in all its individual richness. Some turn out to be as aggressive as the yalis. In one violent relief, the eight-armed man-lion Richard Cork reviews a colourful exhibition

of religious and ceremonial carvings

from Southern India

Narasimha leaps out of a pillar to crush the tyrannical demon Hiranyakashipu in a snarling, lethal embrace. Elsewhere Shiva saves the life of a worshipper by thrusting his trident towards Yama, the long-haired lord of the underworld on a

Bellicose scenes are, however, outnumbered by quieter alternatives. Appearing in the guise of Gopala the divine cowberd, Krishna plays a flute so seductively that even the hydra-headed cobras capitulate to his music. In a particularly diverting panel, the four-headed god Brahma performs a lithe dance with the help of cymbals, while luxuriant fronds gush from a monster mask overhead to act as fans and shelter.

The sculptors responsible for chariot decorations were also allowed to give full rein to sexual fantasies at their most rampant. A well-muscled male figure makes love to six females with his fingers. toes and tongue as well as his sexual organ. The result is preposterously funny, and comedy verges on farce in another panel where a more conventional cou-pling is observed, through parted palm leaves, by a diminutive voyeur above.

Il this playfulness is replaced by a sterner order of feeling with the advent of the vahanas, wooden vehicles which bore gods through the streets at festival time. They give the survey its most mesmeric moments. In the past, these dazzlingly coloured apparitions were considered vulgar in the West. But now that our eyes have adjusted to high-keyed modern painting at its most exuberant, as well as the brilliance of Mexican folk art, the vahanas no longer seem merely garish.

True, the repainted peacock brandishing a coiled snake in its beak hovers perilously close to Hollywood kitsch. Even so, the two images of Kamadhenus, the self-fulfilling cow, look marvellously surreal. Sporting attached eagles' wings and peacocks' tails, these heavily jewelled reatures combine hauteur and eroticism. Their painted heads and generous breasts are those of beautiful women, but the staring eyes and militant stances proclaim

the vigilance of sentinels. So does the startling head of Bhima, a polychromatic extravaganza with bared sth, elongated ears and gobstopper eyeballs. At once menacing and convivial. where he would be installed at the

Sculpture in Southern India is by no means all focused on festival images, though. Wooden architecture and figure carving are produced by the same craftsmen, and in the late 19th century merchants throughout the Chetimad region built exquisitely decorated houses to celebrate their wealth.

An entire mansion door is displayed at the Whitechapel, alive with proliferating deties, attendants, warriors and plantlife. Some of the most accomplished and inventive pieces turn out to be ceiling struts and doorway brackets produced for domestic interiors. Their vivacity is adrenalin-inducing, especially when compared with the tamer and more dutiful altar figures commissioned for the Christian communities. Heavily reliant on Western models, and above all by the Portuguese cathedrals in Goa, they wallow in a saccharine sentiment which Hindu sculp-

ven here, however, a resilient ethnic spirit reasserts itself. A superb winged female angel, bearing a garland of plump petals as she flies down from heaven, possesses the energy and full-breasted allure of a temple dancer. Her compressed dynamism prepares us for the uninhibited section devoted to carvings from the Hindu temples found in every

Fierce guardian figures kick with irrepressible zest as they frown, wriggle and shake clubs in the air. Their boisterousness burgeons into frenzy in a disconcerting ceiling panel, where the awesome Narasimha tears open his opponent's stomach and rips out the entrails with the relish of a butcher manhandling long strings of sausages.

But the majority of temple carvings are pacific in mood. Among the most engag-ing is a carving of the youthful Krishna, whose body retains the blue paint so often missing from other figures. Bending his right leg with nonchalant ease, he plays a flute so beguilingly that the attendant gopis sway as they accompany him with cymbals, lotuses or stringed tamburas. The joyfulness of their music-making is given ecstatic confirmation above, where abstract swiris galvanise the sky like catherine wheels erupting with infectious

After such dithyrambic exertions, the final section comes as a tonic. Held in trance-like attitudes, the little-known votive images from the coastal district of south Kanara exude serenity. Embodiments of the bhuta cult, whereby spirits "possess" human enactors to voice their demands, they sit, stand or ride with spellbound poise. All the writhing superabundance favoured in other regions gives way, at last, to an absolute and utterly conclusive stillness.

this warrior-bero wears a head-dress as towering as the architecture of the temple Art Gallery (071-337 0107) until May 31.

s the London theatre

A community gathers on Sunday to dole out its

annual Olivier Awards, the

real questions will not pertain

to the identities of the winners.

No, the true head-scratching comes the moment one scans

the list of nominees. For sheer

perversity and inconsistency,

the Oliviers have always been

hard to beat, but this year they

lack even the courage of their own illogicality.

That is not to minimise the

outstanding work of such de-

Nigel Hawthorne, designer

Bob Crowley, or playwright Tony Kushner, among many

others. But when one has a

scenario in which Alan Ben-

nett and Jason Donovan are

in head-to-head competition.

it is proof that the Oliviers may

be daft but they are certainly

My argument has less to do with individual omissions (al-

though one could ask why

Terry Hands's formidable

Seagull received no nomina-

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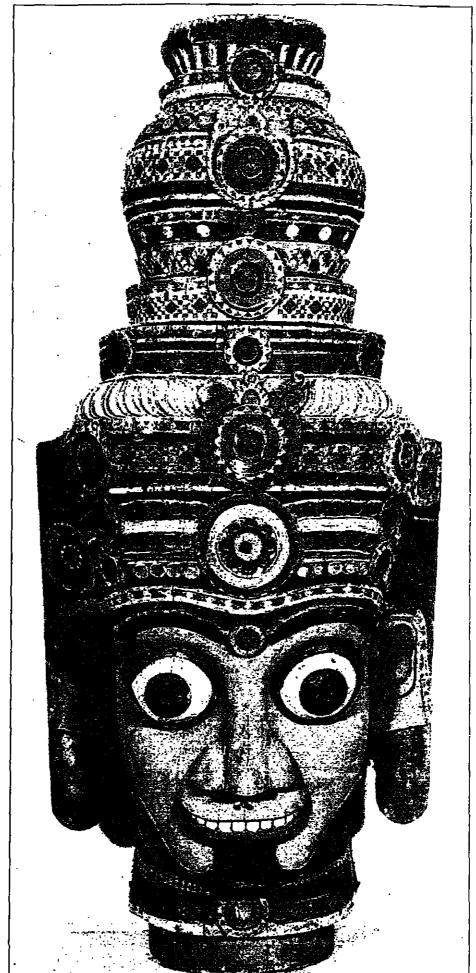
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Head of Bhima, from southern Kerala: a polychromatic extravaganza with bared teeth, elongated ears and gobstopper eyeballs, at once menacing and convivial

COMMENT

GALLERY

JOHN DAVIES: Though Davies is known principally as a sculptor, in a minutely realistic style, he is also a draughtsman of considerable force and power. This show, his first in London since 1984, consists entirely of drawings. Even when they seem to be straightforward nudes or portraits, the drawings have a strange, slightly surreal effect, like most of Davies's more recent sculpture.

Other works move into a sort of Kafkaesque no-man'sland, where tortures are applied and unexplained rituals proliferate. If Davies's basic subject is indeed "the universal human face", he does not seem to see it as something most of us would wish to meet alone in a dark alley.

Mariborough Graphics, 42

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• NIGEL LAMBOURNE (1919-1988): Very famous in the Fifties as a leading illustrator - the kind who worked for the Folio Society on faintly erotic and delicately rustic subjects - Lambourne withdrew completely from the London art scene in the early

He continued to draw and make prints, many never exhibited before this memorial show. A sort of latterday John Buckland-Wright, he could encompass scenes of dynamic movement, notably drawn from the builfight, but he seems to have been most at home with the nude female figure, which he treated in an infinite variety of poses. Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge

Street. Bath (0225 461111) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm, until May 16. ●THE REAL DISNEY:

Long after the first great feature-length Disney cartoons were made, the handpainted cels which were the basic unit of manufacture were ignored. More recently their potential for exploitation as art works in their own right has been recognised, and while originals from classics like Snow White fetch figures up to £115,000 at auction. Disney has been marketing limited-edition reproductions.

This show contains many of the latter and some of the former. A genuine rediscovery, or an art-packager's fantasy? At least a chance to judge for ourselves. Catto Gallery, 100 Heath Street, NW3 (071-435 6660)

2.30-6pm, until May 4. **JOHN** RUSSELL TAYLOR

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MUSEUMS: LONDON

# **Personal choice that has** gone on public display

A couple who set up a small, private museum have been acknowledged with a national arts award. Simon Tait reports

f the Alexanders had tried to pick the worst year to L open their kind of enterprise, they could not have chosen better than 1991, one of the worst years ever for tourism. Their Fan Museum was unlikely to knock the Cutty Sark or the Royal Observatory off the itinerary for visitors to Greenwich. Nevertheless, the world's first fan museum opened in two 1720s townhouses in Crooms Hill. southeast London, on May 3. 1991, and has since recorded

a modest 8,000 visitors. Last night, at the National Art Collection Fund's dinner at the Savoy Hotel, Mr and Mrs Alexander received one of the five annual awards of £5,000 each for contributions to the visual arts, sponsored by Slough Estates.

The extraordinary collection of Helene Alexander was the driving force behind the museum. Over 30 years she has gathered more than 2,000 fans of her own, and has developed an expertise and scholarly knowledge which make her a world expert on the subject.

There can be few projects of the kind, engineered by one enthusiastic couple, which can hope to get to the planning stage, let alone open to the public. The NACF award places the Fan Museum in the same category as the most professionally run independents in the museums'

The two houses, once owned by the regional health authority, had been used as a nurses' nostel and then abandoned for two years. They were wrecks when they were bought for the Fan Museum Trust in 1985 by the Victor Adda Foundation, the trust having been founded a year before.

wet and dry rot, there was long-horn beetle in the roof; it was a terrible mess," says



Hélène Alexander with part of her collection of fans

Dicky Alexander, a retired insurance broker. "But I said to Hélène, 'If we're to do this, we're to do it with a proper business plan and if the fig-ures don't add up, forget it. We did the sums, and it looked

There were setbacks, of course. Costs began to spiral and Alexander sacked the contractor, taking on the project management himself and halving the building expenses. The whole thing cost £1.75 million, with some money coming from English Hernage and the English Tourist Board, and sponsorship from Legal and General Assurance.

Not only does the museum

exhibit fans - it has had about 200 given to it since the opening — it makes them to order. Mrs Alexander made a series to commemorate the Oueen Mother's 90th birth-Other recipients of a £5,000

award last night were the Whitechapel Art Gallery (latest exhibition reviewed above) for its community education programme; the Art Newspaper, aunched in 1990; Colin Riches's art centre inside HM Albany maximum security prison on the Isle of Wight; and Homerton Hospital's art trust, which was set up five years ago by a surgeon to brighten up the otherwise blank walls of the hospital in the east end of London.

**Awards confusion reaches a critical stage** 

Sunday's Olivier Awards, under the auspices of the Society of

West End Theatre, round off the thespian prize-giving season. Matt Wolf argues that the ground-rules need to be clarified



Rivals? Jason Donovan (left) and Alan Bennett, Olivier Award nominees

at the National Theatre. Had the nominating committee not liked the performance, they could have ignored it altogether. But to classify as "supporting" an actress performing one of the

three or four major roles Tennessee Williams ever wrote for women is to pay Atkins a backhanded compliment. Elsewhere it is the same mix of apples and oranges that two years ago saw Michael Gambon win actor of the year

Donovan: his show Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is after all a musical. But what does it mean to in a comedy, even though the classify Bennett's evening of play he was in — Alan Ayckbourn's Man of the Momonologues. Talking Heads, as an entertainment? The ment — was nominated for nominating committee seems best play, not best comedy. confused as well, since it has Choreography is always straightforwardly nominated good for a raised cycbrow, as Bennett's co-star, Patricia was the case last year when Routledge, for best actress in a Terry John Bates found his Dionysiac first act frenzy in

As things stand, Routledge Dancing at Lughnasa set faces stiff competition: Fiona Shaw (Hedda Gabler), Juliet against Charles Augins's allstops-out athleticism in Five Guys Named Moe, the eventu-al winner. This year, Steven Stevenson (Death and the Maiden), and Janet McTeer Berkoff's ritualistic mime exer-(Uncle Vanya). So far so good. cise The Trial competes until one's eye drifts to the against the dance show Tango supporting actress category only to find, inexplicably, Ei-Argentino. In context, it is leen Atkins, whose work in The Night of the Iguana amazing the committee did not nominate Maggie Smith clearly dominates Richard in this category for her witty

and animated wrist movements several years back in Lettice and Lovage.

The musical category needs a complete overhaul and not the one Cameron Mackintosh suggested when Miss Saigon lost to Return to the Forbidden Planet. Last year, the two musical-of-the-year nominees

were both by Stephen Sondheim: Into the Woods and Sunday in the Park with George. This year, the nominees are a 1943 Oscar Hammerstein II rewrite of Bizet, Carmen Jones, and Ken Hill's jokey eight-year-old version of Phantom of the Opera. Much better instead a best musical gories, by contrast, are too much of a catch-all to be convincing, with performers against companies and even entire theatres. The special

production category embrac-

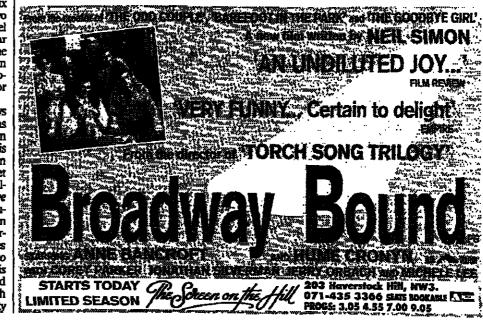
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The opera and dance cate-

Kenneth Tynan award for outstanding achievement regularly posits such embarrassment, pitting performers against directors against insti-

If Vanessa Redgrave was so fine in When She Danced why not nominate her as best actress? The same is true of Danny Boyle, whose direction of *The Last Days of Don Juan* at the RSC should either have been cited in the best director category or not at all. But to make both these gifted artists compete for the Tynan award against Russia's Maly Theaire, not to mention west London's tiny Gate Theatre,

demeans all concerned. Such thoughts, of course, tend to vanish in the rush of adrenalin when the all-important envelope is opened. But atre might do well to attend to these issues before this event and before its incongruities come around again next year.



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stores offers no such refuge. Six year after the attack, the puinting is back at the Stellelink Museum. But the museum is not only faces, a bill of DO \$14,000 (250,000) from Daniel Columber, a New York run our of contemporary puritings, but also with his him against two members of its shift totalling \$50 million after it was affered that, rather than retouching the canvas, Mr Goldreyer had repainted if - with 3

According to a reject submitted to Amsterdam council by the city's major, Mr Goldreyer was chosen to undertake repair and retouching of Who's Afraid following a warm recommendation by Annalee Greenhouse. Newman's without

At the time. Eluabeth Bracht the Stedelijk's chief restorer, said she did not feet she had adequate experience to undertake such a challenge The contract for restoration was drawn up in March 1988. with an agreed price of \$270,000. All the members of the committee involved (including Wim Beeren, the mu-seum's director, and Mrs Brachi), believed work was progressing well until March 1991. Aan Baak, the aider man with overall responsibility for the museum, wrote to Mr Goldrever asking him to hurry up and finish. On

# Burie

NEXT week. Ukrainian and Russian delegations are due to meet in Odessa to dehate the future of the Crimea-based Black Sea fleet Tension with in the peninsula has risen over the states' competing claims for control of the fleet and its base, the city of Sevastopol.

This is not the first time the Crimes and its fleet and its fle Crimea and its fleet has been argued over. Almost 140 years ago, in the Crimean war of 1854 to 1856, no fewer that 21,000 British servicemen died in the peninsula in an attempt to capture Sevastopal and neuter an earlier Black Sea fleet. Now, those British dead are to be commemorate. ed with the planned building of a memorial on Californ Hill overlooking Sevestopel

Eight thousand British troops are buried on Cathean's Hill, most of these reinterred there in the decade reinterred there in the decade after the Crimean war. They had been initially burded where they fell, in hundred of graves all over the peninsular returned to nature since the Russian revolution of 1917 and had suspined consider

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Home movies from the global village

Musicians around the world are making their own low-budget videos to challenge the glossy products on satellite television.

David Toop finds out that £100 can buy a lot of ingenuity

appeal in recent years. Television has spread a heightened awareness of the profound cultural, religious and political schisms that partition the globe. Earth may be a hamlet, electronically, but the villagers are

Yet television has also played a part in resurrecting the no-tion. Pop videos are bearned down from satellites on to most of the earth's surface, their imagery and values as influential as Hollywood cinema or Australian soaps. The nonstop screening by companies such as MTV of Euro-American videos to Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America should make us pause to consider the possible long-term effects of one-way cultural traffic.

There is, however, a small volley of return fire coming from musicians who are unhappy with the idea of being swamped with images and music which have no direct relevance to their own country. The first film in a new series of BBC 2's Rhythms of the World examines an upsurge of music video production arising in the developing world and in immi-

For local artists in West Africa, Singapore and Santa Domingo, as well as the British Asian stars of Punjabi Bhangra music, video is fast becoming an essential element in both promotion and creative expression In terms of expensive effects and ambitious staging, the pop vid-eos featured in Jenny Cathcart's film, Put Me On A VHS, cannot compete with the promotional epics of Michael Jackson, yet many of them have a local character that is fascinating and exciting in its own right.

The Senegalese singer Youssou N'Dour is unusual for His music is characterised by a dynamic weave of West African musical and story-telling traditions, rock and soul influences, and technological innovation. One of his videos, created to promote a song called "Alboury". is contrasted in the BBC 2 film with a collaboration between Youssou and Peter Gabriel. This latter track. "Shaking the Tree", was released by Virgin records and accompa-nied by a picturesque, glossy video directed by Isaac Julien, director of the feature film Young Soul Rebels. Youssou is too diplomatic to admit it, but the resultant effort was packed with colonial cliches: bao-bab trees, strikingly attractive Afri-

can women staring into camera, colourful African fabrics and wood-

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arshall McLuhan's vision of the world as a global village has lost much of its glib

the 'Alboury' video." In terms of budget. Youssou estimates the difference as being between 20,000 and 300,000 French francs. His own video may suffer from shaky camera work and poor lighting, but with its elabo-

Juan-Luis Guerra: Merengue star

The best location

for our videos

is our own

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Wolof king, Alboury, and his entourage, in the unique surround-

ings of Dakar's railway station, the

harmony between images, words

and music overcomes any technical

shortcomings and drives home Youssou's assertion that "those who

are interested in African music

Attitudes to production values

vary. In the Dominican Republic,

Juan-Luis Guerra is one of the leading exponents of the frantic

local dance rhythm known as

should go to its source."

graphics with documentary realism using large casts, strong local flavour and exotic costumes. "The best location for our videos is our own habitat, our own country," he insists. That's where our folklore is, the things we sing In Trinidad and Tobago, Soca music is descended from calypso. In both cases, the lyrics carry local news, gossip and the frequently inflammatory opin-ions of the singer. Soca stars such as David Rudder are uninterested in expensive, high

Merengue . He is determined to promote his own culture by using high standards of equipment, as well as technical expertise learned

in the United States, and his videos

mix digital effects and cartoon

technology productions. In-stead, they attempt to create visuals which are sufficiently vibrant, heartfelt and local to offset the need for big budgets.
Without huge international sales and the backing of a large record company, a budget is an "Average budget?" laughs Tony Hall, the producer of Rudder's video for a song called "The Hammer". "The budgets are non-existent. A little over £100.

if you can imagine that."

Operating capital that small encourages ingenuity, at least; Hall describes the burning of bushes as a workable substitute for a smoke machine. "The Hammer" makes clever use of fire as a motif, as well as showing locations in Port of Spain and scenes of steel pan orchestras, all of which are integral to the meaning of the song. He also cites musicians in Trinidad who simply shoot DIY videos on amateur equipment, paste new labels on the tape boxes and sell the finished product themselves — the textbook example of "access tech-nology" in action. In Singapore, where there is

likes to dream about having a high-tech video to accompany his records. This is what every musician desires, he believes, even if they don't believe in the necessity of such costly promotional devices. Lee's own videos are relatively low-tech, and absurd, but

much in the style of the BBC's Rough Guide series — they make imaginative use of hand-held camera, digital effects, street scenes. rolling captions, and computer text. His music, ranging from Beach Boys-style harmonies to rap, demands an unusual approach.

"I am Asian and proud of it," Lee says. "I don't feel like a Samurai or chairman Mao. I'm something new." He likens the new young Asian to a banana - white inside



and vellow outside. "Asian identity is the key to Asian pop music," he

Such changing self-assessments are unlikely to be fully appreciated by the executives who run satellite television networks and media corporations. At MTV they are conscious of the need for a sensitive approach to the differing requirements of their various territories, yet inevitably, the vision of a global network run to American stan-dards dominates their

To secure the Brazilian market, MTV had to agree to balance the usual international pop with a 50 per cent share of Brazilian videos. In practice, this meant that MTV worked with Brazilian musicians to produce sufficient videos to fill the hours of screen time. Tom Hunter, the vice-president of MTV International, cheerfully agrees that his company even helped bands to choose which of their tracks would be most suited to video. The implication is clear: the closer that

local musicians are prepared to

move towards a global language of sound, style and visual appearance, the greater their eventual access to the communications networks.

Thus is McLuhan's aphorism The medium is the message confirmed. For all musicians - not just Michael Jackson. Genesis or Madonna — the stakes are high. "By the year 2000," claims Mark Kingston, of the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, "I expect that music and music videos will be providing the stimu-lus and the visuals for the global

revolution of communication that Marshall McLuhan prophesied. We will have a situation where most of the world will be able to receive any kind of music it wants."

Once local pop musicians realise the communicative power of music shown on television, they will certainly want to beam their videos back to the developed world. Whether the developed world will supply the medium they want is another matter.

● Put Me On a VHS will be shown on BBC 2 on Saturday, April 25, 9.30pm.

proved at dead of night. At the

same time Congress has failed to tackle the ever-rising budget deficit,

soaring health care costs, the polit-

ical influence of big money or any

of the other issues Mr Glickman's

constituents repeatedly raise with

A Wall Street Journal poll last

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# Congressmen treading red-hot water

US politicians have been passing bad cheques — and the voters don't like it

n Wellington, a tidy little mid-western town surrounded by vast expanses of vivid green wheatfields, two dozen Rotary Chub members said prayers, pledged allegiance to the flag, sang the national anthem and sat down to hear their congressman. Dan Glickman began with a joke. A rabbi, a Hindu priest and a congressman had to shelter from a storm one night in a Kansas farmer's barn, he said. First the rabbi knocked on the farmer's door, saying he could not share a barn with pigs. Then the Hindu asked to be taken in because he could not share with cows. Then came the cows and pigs.

This is no time to be an American congressman. The disclosure that 300 of them wrote bad cheques worth millions of dollars at the private House bank without incurring any penalties was the final straw. Those congressmen are now back in their districts for the Easter recess and having to face their

enraged constituents.

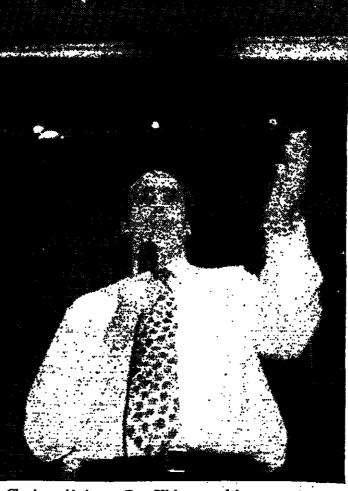
Mr Glickman, a short, plumpish, balding man of engaging candour, wrote 105 bad cheques worth \$20,000. His self-deprecating humour saved him at the Rotary lunch, but not elsewhere, as he spent the day touring outlying communities trying to salvage his credibility.

At a high school in Oxford that

morning a teenage boy bluntly demanded to know what was happening to the cheque "kiters". After the Rotary lunch a television crew collared Mr Glickman to ask if this was "the major blunder of your political career, and for a full hour the editor of the Winfield Daily Courier (circulation 6,000) grilled him on the issue.

Ordinary Kansans tend not to accost Mr Glickman directly, but they do not mince their words in private. This, after all, is bible-belt country, the moral as well as physical heartland of America. "I was shocked, very shocked. I couldn't believe it," said Gary Cochran, a Boeing quality control inspector from Wichita. As Mr Glickman would not willingly "give up his ride on the gravy train", voters should chuck him out, wrote Rick Sage in one of several irate readers' letters to the Wichita

Mr Glickman's Republican op-ponents pursued him with a big rubber cheque during a St Patrick's Day parade in Wichita last month. "That bank has caused me more grief than the history of the world." Mr Glickman confessed. In Nov-ember it could conceivably cost him the seat he has held for 16 years. and with 71 per cent of the vote in 1990. He is not even sure he will run again. "It's the worst sort of issue you can imagine. I did



Checks and balances: Dan Glickman replying to constituents

nothing wrong but it's irrefutable.

You can't explain it." The House bank scandal is indeed overblown. No laws were broken, no taxpayers' money abused. Congressmen were essentially borrowing against their next month's salary. But ordinary Ameroned for running up overdrafts, restaurant bills, drug dealing and and the story confirmed their embezzlement in the House post conviction that Congress has be- office, handsome pay rises ap-

come a cosy, elitist club utterly out of touch with real people and their

problems. It was the "gasoline on the fire", said Mr Glickman. . The extent of the American public's alienation from Washington is hard to overstate. Capitol Hill has produced scandal after scandal icans can be fined or even impris- in the last few years — unpaid restaurant bills, drug dealing and

week put public approval of Con-gress at 15 per cent, the lowest ever. Seventy one per cent believed it was contributing to, not solving, the country's problems. Half believed the institution was corrupt. The US has entered a period of political alienation and turmoil the likes of which we have experienced only a few times in our history," said Kevin Phillips, a leading political

analyst That analysis is broadly shared by Mr Glickman, who is one of Washington's more constructive and thoughtful congressmen. But, he believes, the system is resilient and the people will find some way to take it back, quite possibly by ejecting congressmen in record numbers this November.

Mr Glickman is determined not to be one of them. By apologising, he is seeking to defuse the scandal, and he is reseeking the reformer's mande which carried him and many of his generation into office

post-Watergate. On the back seat of Mr Glickman's car was a new book called Who Will Tell The People? The Betrayal of American Democracy, with key passages underlined. He has gone through "great personal soul searching about why I am in this job", he said. He acknowledged that under Washington's corrosive influence he had become "less of a reformer than I was".

He now advocates a constitutional amendment mandating a balanced federal budget. drastic campaign finance reform to eliminate big money influence and other sweeping changes. He may even give back the \$135,000 he has received from lobby groups for this year's campaign.

MARTIN FLETCHER

# What's red, blue and haggled over?

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Who's Afraid of Blue III a quarter of a century ago, Barnett Newman believed that his painting of three bold stripes about the unknowable". The canvas, nearly 18ft by 8ft, was part of the American artist's aim to symbolise rationality over post world war chaos, and thereby fill the viewer with a sense of new beginnings.

The painting was bought in 1969 for \$75,000 (now £43,000) by the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam, a goahead contemporary gallery financed by the local council. By the mid-1980s, the art market boom had inflated the painting's valuation to

But, on March 21, 1986, a visitor with a grudge against contemporary art slashed the red section of the canvas four times horizontally and four times diagonally, from top left to bottom right. The council repairing the cuts and touching up the tears.

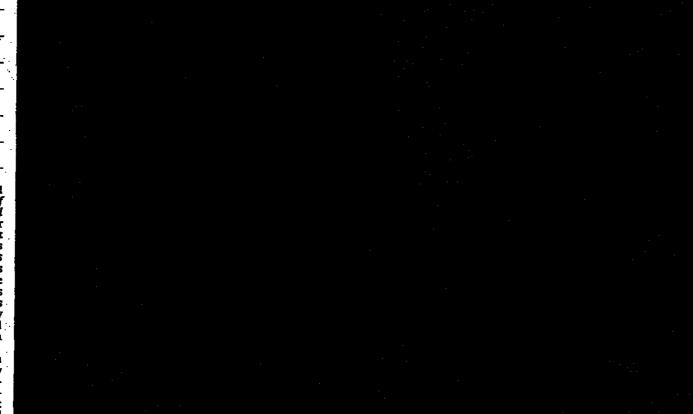
The project was approached with fastidious caution. Paintings from earlier eras offer both subject matter and brush texture in which the restorer can hide his retouchings. A painting of nothing but flat

stripes offers no such refuge. Six years after the attack, the painting is back at the Stedelijk Museum. only facing a bill of Dfl 814,000 (£250,000) from Daniel Goldreyer, a New York restorer of contemporary paintings, but alsowrits by him against two ling \$50 million after it was alleged that, rather than retouching the canvas, Mr Goldreyer had repainted it — with a

According to a report submitted to Amsterdam council by the city's mayor, Mr Goldreyer was chosen to undertake repair and retouching of Who's Afraid following a warm recommendation by Annalee Greenhouse,

Newman's widow.
At the time, Elizabeth Bracht, the Stedelijk's chief restorer, said she did not feel she had adequate experience to undertake such a challenge. The contract for restoration was drawn up in March 1988. with an agreed price of \$270,000. All the members of the committee involved (including Wim Beeren, the museum's director, and Mrs Bracht), believed work was progressing well until March 1991. Aan Baak, the alderman with overall responsibility for the museum, wrote to Mr Goldreyer asking him to hurry up and finish. On

NEXT week, Ukrainian and



"Paintings from earlier eras offer subject matter and brush texture in which the restorer can hide his retouchings. Flat stripes offer no such refuge": Barnett Newman's Who's Afraid of Red., Yellow and Blue III

March 16, Mr Beeren saw the suaded Mr Goldreyer to painting, and declared him-self satisfied.

A few days later, however, the report says, "the bead of conservation Mrs Brackt who had visited New York on behalf of the committeel informed him the painting had been painted over". The director duly told the committee of Mrs Bracht's misgivings, but still thought the work was fine.

Shortly afterwards, according to the report, Mr Beeren received a bill for unspecified extra work from Mr Goldreyer. It came with a letter saying that all correspondence should henceforth be conduct-

amend the receipt to say the painting was merely in "good and satisfactory condition". and Mr Beeren travelled home with his trophy.

higher, amended bill, the committee was unable to sit in judgment because they had no means of telling, with the naked eye, whether the restoration was any good. The painting just looked like three stripes, but if it had been repainted, as alleged by Mrs Bracht, rather than retouched, would be in question. The

surprise at Mr Goldreyer's Conservation, he wrote, en-

> were "matched thread-topolyvinyl adhesive.

The "exacting and tedious weaving process" was, he said, carried out by himself and two assistants, and was approved by Mrs Bracht in June 1988. One year later, the painting was relined to

In February 1990, Mr Goldreyer said, he was able to progress to the painting's surface. This was deaned, first with a detergent mixture to remove surface soil, and then with a mild alcohol solution diluted with gum turpentine. "When this process was completed," Mr Goldreyer wrote, "we

optimistically guessed at an 85 per cent successful completion. Mr Goldreyer wrote. Furthermore, its cotton canvas had become distorted and

tailed first constructing a spe-cial platform on which the "solidifying, stabilising, re-adhering and reweaving" of the eight slashed areas could take place. The temporary rice paper patches fixed over the slashes by Mrs Bracht were removed, as were the splinters of paint from the thousands of torn and loose threads. The cut fibres of the cotton carryas

bulged, quite possibly perma-

thread, each slash then being reinforced with a

scaled the slashed areas

with a fibre filler." Mrs Bracht visited again in June 1990. and was "pleased with the results". The artist's widow also visited, in November, and was also "very pleased".

The final phase, begun early last year, offered the biggest challenge. In his account, Mr Goldrever referred to the "optical translucent qualities" of Newman's work, and said that these were obtained by using an oil base as an underpaint each layer thinly applied. The method used to obtain this translucence, he said, was to "pinpoint colour only in the missing areas with a different balance of the same pigment in various thin layers, so that After final approval by Mrs Newman, Mr Goldreyer said

he had the painting sealed with Butyl Methacrylate Polymer (a modern acrylic varnish) in a benzene base "with several light mist sprays to catch the original patina". Mr Goldreyer's report

convinced Mr Beeren. On October 7 last year, he published his own paper the restoration in which he said that, within the committee Mrs Bracht was alone in her misgivings. Mrs Bracht spoke to the Dutch press

which duly reported her allegation that, in her opinion, Mr Goldreyer had carried out a perfect restoration until the last moment, when he renainted the picture's surface with a

The council decided to make further enquiries about Mr Goldreyer's methods. This time they turned to the Dutch judicial laboratory, to analyse the composition of the restored painting. The conclusions

showed some variance with the Goldreyer version.

scientists, the parts of the painting they investigated had a very light coat of varnish above the red layers of paint. This varnish is alkyd (a syn-

The Amsterdam council has imposed a press blackout on the subject of Who's Afraid.

Beeren and Mrs Bracht.

claims that a roller was used

are libellous and intended to

expose him to ridicule, and

has lodged claims against Mr

The painting 'will keep its place in the collection as a Newman with a history of destruction and restoration'

thetic modern medium) and appears, they think, to have seeped beneath the red layer. This, they said, "can only be explained if the red layer was

still drying when the varnish was first put on". They also detected, in the "pimples", or protruding bumps of paint, particles of nylon which, although they did not spell it out, may not be inconsistent

Mr Goldreyer's office also offered "no comment". On April 6, Alderman Baak felt obliged to resign. It seems

that the Amsterdam city fathers hope that, with the resignation of Mrs Baak and the payment of Mr Goldreyer's amended bill, they can now consider the matter closed. According to Mr Beeren, the painting "will keep its place in the collection Mr Goldreyer insists the as a Newman with a history of to continue.

destruction and restoration" Meanwhile, as neither of the people Mr Goldrever has named in his law suits - Mr Beeren for failing to defend the restoration adequately and Mrs Bracht for being rude

about his restoration — can afford to pay the compensation he is asking, it is hoped Mr Goldreyer, too.

will fade away. But, even if Mr Goldreyer obliges, the Who's Afraid saga may not end here. The Amsterdam council's lawyers are still deciding whether to claim compensation from Mr Goldreyer and are, it is understood, considering fur-

ther tests. What does Amsterdam do it it turns out that the painting was rollered? Do they start the restoration project all over again? Already, a group of eminent Dutch restorers have advocated the use of a machine that removes alkyd paint by bombarding the painting's

# Tattered masterpiece: the work after the attack in 1986

ed through lawyers

the help of the New York office of Nauta Dutilh, Amsterdam's municipal lawyers, and succeeded in reopening the dialogue with Mr Goldrever. It was arranged that on August 1 Mr Beeren should go to Mr Goldreyer's studio on Long Island to fetch the painting. According to the mayor's report, when he got there, he found himself faced with a receipt in which he was re-

quired to declare that the painting had been restored to its original state.

In June, Mr Beeren sought

The restorer replied in a resulted in further damage.

The mediating lawyer per-

committee decided that more information would be sought from Mr Goldreyer.

long and detailed report to Mr Beeren. This started out by saving that when he first saw the painting in May 1987 it was "virtually a corpse". He was unable to inspect the damage properly because the painting was face down, and turning it over would have

"I explained to Mrs Dipple [a member of the committee] the difficulty in assessing the end result without examining the surface of the painting, but

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Russian delegations are due to meet in Odessa to debate the future of the Crimea-based Rlack Sea fleet. Tension within the peninsula has risen over The site has, however, now the states' competing claims been viewed by David Glad-stone, the British charge d'affor control of the fleet and its base, the city of Sevastopol. faires in Ukraine, and This is not the first time the will begin next month and be Crimea and its fleet has been

argued over. Almost 140 years ago, in the Crimean war of 1854 to 1856, no fewer than 21,000 British servicemen died in the peninsula in an attempt to capture Sevastopol and neuter an earlier Black Sea fleet. Now, those British dead are to be commemorated, with the planned building of a memorial on Cathcart's headquarters Hill, overlooking Sevastopol. Eight thousand British tive centre for

troops are buried on Cathcart's Hill, most of them reinterred there in the decade after the Crimean war. They had been initially buried where they fell, in hundreds of graves all over the peninsula. The cemetery had gradually

returned to nature since the Russian revolution of 1917 and had sustained considerable damage from the Inflwaffe. Tarrar farmers and Russian bulldozers in the past few years. Foreigners were unable to visit the graves because Sevastopoi was, and remains, a closed military

There is a corner of a Crimean field that, it is hoped, will stay British

**Buried, but not forgotten** 

Lieutenant Commander Robin Davies, the assistant naval attaché in Moscow. Lt Cdr Davies has been

the go-between for the authorities in Sevastopol and Lieutenant Colonel Julian Lancas ter, chief of staff. Foot Guards (the administrathe Guards regi-

ments), who is organising an appeal in Britain to raise the £15,000 agreed with local builders as the cost of the work.

Funds are being raised through a public appeal, launched in The Times last week, and through Lt Col Lancaster's private efforts. Fifty-four regiments, many of them now amalgamated, saw service in the Crimea, and Lt Col Lancaster has written to them all. "Most of them have been very keen to contribute,"

he says. "I've received some cheques already, both from the regiments and members of the public who responded to the appeal." With luck, work

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has assisted in the 'My own design of the memorial, regiment which will be maintained by won the first Sevastopol ... council. The deever Victoria sign is simple and in Victorian Crosses'

completed by October.

style. "What we have gone for is a memorial in keeping with the period, similar to other ones built in the 1850s," Lt Col Lancaster says. The memorial will be erect-

ed in a part of the old cemetery. Plans have been drawn up for a 25ft high white obelisk of local stone surrounded by a wall engraved with the names of every regiment and ship which took part in the campaign.
When Lt Col Lancaster first

visited the Crimea, in March

1991, he was not allowed to

visit Sevastopol. But he did manage to pay his respects at the Russo-British cemetery at Alma, 20 miles along the coast, where the first, crucial, ment of the war was fought. My own regiment, the Scots Guards, won the first ever Victoria Crosses at Alma. I was determined to go there," he says. The Scots Guards were

awarded five Victoria Crosses after Alma, and subsequent VCs have been struck from the barrels of the Russian guns captured there by the allied British, French and Turkish Lt Col Lancaster found the

last resting place of seven Royal Welch Fusiliers in the cemetery at Alma, half hidden under a broken marble sarcophagus. "It was a very sad sight," Lt Cdr Davies says. But not for much longer: the Royal Welch and the Ministry of Defence now intend to fund the repair of the graves, and a small corner of a foreign field will be reclaimed:

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but coy when it comes to speaking

of her three children (two grown.

one still at school) dishes up to her.

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Mrs Bottomley

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mously prescriptive approach."

Although her appointment to the

Cabinet was hailed with predictable allusions to "Nurse" Virginia,

she made it clear this week that she

will not be nannying the nation

into swallowing any unpalatably

ing messages are counterproduc-tive," she says. "I want to make

them simple and straightforward -

and to make the information that

people need in order to make

intelligent choices easily available."

the health of the nation, expected

during the summer, will do just that, she promises. "We need to

make healthy living easy for people.

I'm absolutely certain than healthy

eating and regular exercise are

important, and I think it is impor-

tant that we at the Department

of Health work very closely with

the Ministry of Agriculture on

Her department's white paper on

"Too many complex and conflict-

or soccial diets.

Of the five million women in Britain who have cervical smear tests each year to detect early traces of cancer, about 250,000 show slight abnormalities. For most women with slightly abnormal smears, their cells will revert to normal within a few months. But in 75,000 of these cases they may have an important underlying disease. Until now doctors have had no way of distinguishing these cases. Now scientists believe they have come up with more

ease is likely.

Jack Cuzick, a scientist at the research fund and one of the co-authors of the study (which was published in The Lancet last week), believes that this will make a significant difference. "If a woman has moderate or severe abnormalities she will immediately be given a colposcopy. This involves a physical examination of the

secretary, tells Victoria McKee about her personal prescription for a healthy life he new Secretary of State for Health, Virginia Botgetting food messages across." But when asked to describe — as she had agreed to do - the simple tomicy, is happy to talk about the nation's health health messages she has heeded in

'Health is not

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Virginia Bottomley, the new health

murs about "playing tennis or taking a swim at the weekend — This is possibly because she is such a splendidly healthy speciand taking active holidays". men. She has a naturally slim Holidays provide the physical and psychological release which physique which has never yo-yo'd up and down on a string of diets, she considers a vital counterpoint to and a "jolly hockey sticks" apsedentary and stressful ministerial proach to exercise that depends duty. "Each Easter and summer we go to the Isle of Wight as a family—
to what was my childhood home—
and have a real 'Swallows and
Amazons' holiday." she says. "I
have an enormous extended family more on occasionally reviving schoolgirl sports than anything leotards and leg One of that estimated 15 per cent of women who does not consider there and it's a real time to switch (let alone count) calories, she is off as well as an area of stability and delighted to eat whatever meal one continuity in our lives, which is so

"We do a lot of walking — we had the traditional Easter Monday

her own life, Mrs Bottomley mur-

walk this week and play beach hockey, and in the summer we sail. We also row — my daughter and I won the ladies double sculling champ-ionship there two years ago." Both Mrs and Mr Bottomley are

weather' keen participants in sporting events organised through the House of Commons (Mrs Bottomley's husband, Peter, is MP for Eltham and a former transport and Northern Ireland minister). Mrs Bottomley

> pion, captains the House of Commons football team. Mrs Bottomley is happy that ber children are also fit and sporty. They're all fairly energetic." she says. "And there are no serious weight problems in the family."

excels at rowing and her husband.

a parliamentary swimming cham-

If she does gain a few pounds she simply eats less. "With a busy life at the moment, I'm obviously involved in a great number of official meals," she says. "but I only drink tap water at lunch, although I'll have a glass of wine in the evening. and I seldom eat three courses." As someone who has worked in the NHS, as a psychiatric social

worker, she is committed to it and shuns private health treatment for herself or her family.



Crisp philosophy: Virginia Bottomley argues for simple messages, healthy eating and regular exercise, as well as avoiding stress

of health screening and other preventive measures which, she says, will help to give us a health service rather than a disease service, and is enthusiastic about the concept of a patient's charter which she hopes will make patients feel they can approach GPs even if they are

not feeling acutely ill. The changes introduced in the GP contract have put an important emphasis on preventive medicine." she says, "and we have the best cervical and breast cancer screening programme in the EC. I think most people now accept that they want to be partners in their health care rather than passive recipients.

She believes strongly in the value and women in particular are concerned with this."

A woman naturally fit for office

Because of this conviction that women are the keepers of the family health, Mrs Bottomley launched Your Health: A Guide to Services for Women, a 32-page free booklet, while she was minister of state for health.

She is proud of that initiative. and sees it as an important part of her job to continue to meet regularly with women's groups and to involve them in what the health department is doing: "To find ways to cascade our health messages more widely through women's organisations, to let them know that health is not something you

just talk about, like the weather, but something you can take steps to do something about."

On the question of hormone replacement therapy (HRT), considered a fad by some and a health boon by others, she is cautious. There is no panacea for eternal youth but in certain instances, for preventing osteoporosis, or if I felt it was warranted for other reasons, I might consider it," she says. "HRT has played a very important part in a great number of women's lives and we've got more research programmes under way in this area." Most health fads - high and low impact aerobics, jogging, "step-ping" — have, like diets, passed her

by. "I tried a keep-fit class once about eight years ago, but didn't really have the time to keep it up." she says, "and when I became an MP I joined the House of Commons gymnasium where they as sessed me as very healthy so I didn't

really see much need to go back. "I do feel very healthy." she says, "and do make a point of doing something active each weekend. need the weekend at home with my family, and to have at least one day of quiet to mooch around in my jeans. I think that's very important even then there's never a day that's completely free from the boxes': for every minister that's a

## **Shadow** lifts from islands

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A Caribbean

campaign has kept cholera at bay

rinidad and Tubago's annual carnival draw thousands of determined revellers from nearby South America last month, but thanks to a government-backed health campaign the islands were not visited by cholera.

Since the outbreak of the disease two years ago in Peru, where 3,000 people have died, cholera has spread to 15 Central and South American countries

Venezuela is only seven miles away from Trinidad and Tobago. Given the continual coming and going between that country. Co-lombia and Port-of-Spain, John Eckstein, the Trinidad and Tobago health minister, thought it was inevitable cholera would spread to the islands. Were imported cases to touch off even a minor epidemic in Trinidad, the blow to foreign tourism would be devastating all along the Caribbean island

But almost two months after the carnival and the influx of potential cholera carriers, there are no re-

ported cases.

Though thoroughly alarmed at the virulence and speed of the initial Peru outbreak, the Trinidad and Tobago authorities rejected any idea of cancelling the carnival. Instead, the government shouldered full responsibility for protecting its population (1.5 million, 47,000 of them in Tobago) and beyond them the other Windward and Leeward Islands.

For months before the carnival a health campaign featured large in newspapers, radio and television. All air and sea travellers were handed health alert cards telling them to consult a doctor immediately if any symptoms appeared. Information packs went to schools. Leaflets, lectures and films.

were directed to everyone involved in preparing and distributing food. Some health experts feared that reasonable standards of hygiene had bred excessive public complacency in the islands. Others, it seems, have been justified in their belief that in a society 95 per cent literate the government's warnings and vigilance would serve to halt the disease in its tracks, so earning the gratitude of all the Caribbean.

ALAN MCGREGOR

# A suitable case for treatment

Waiting for the result of a cervical smear can be traumatic - now there is the hope of a clearer diagnosis

or many women the wait for news of the results of a cervical smear test is more uncomfortable than the test itself. A letter asking them to ring their doctor or informing them that they have mild, moderate or severe dyskaryosis (abnormalities) can frighten even the

But the smear test is not a test for cervical cancer although developed cancer may be picked up. It is a test for a condition of cells that may precede cancer and which can usually be cured with laser treatment. Women who have moderate or severe dyskaryosis can be treated at once. The problem lies with those women diagnosed as "mild" who are on the borderline.

efficient screening for cancer. A ream from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, University College, London and the University College, Nottingham, has shown that the smears on these borderline cases can be monitored for high levels of human papillo-ma virus HPV16, which they believe gives a good indication of whether more serious discervix with a microscope which will should show the extent of the problem.

"But when a woman is diagnosed as mild, it depends on where she lives as to how she is treated. In some areas these women are offered smear tests at shorter intervals and are only referred for treatment if the disease per-sists. This is taking a risk. Elsewhere they are offered colposcopy but this can be distressing and is very expensive," he says.
The team of scientists, which

includes George Terry and Linda Ho at University College, London, and Tony Hollingworth at Nottingham, examined mild and moderate smears from 85 women. In almost 90 per cent of the cases a high level of HPV16 indicated potentially severe abnor-malities. Dr Cuzick says: "We think that it is very likely that women with only minor ab-normalities but high levels of HPV16 may well have a highgrade disease. These women are in need of treatment."

PV16 is a wart infec tion that is transmitted sexually and tion that is transmitshows no outward symptoms. Low levels of HPVI of are very common and do not indicate

Dr Hollingworth, a senior registrar in obstetrics and gynaecology at Nottingham, says that, ideally, he would like to see all women with any abnormalities given a colposcopy, but feels that it would be too time-consuming and expensive.

He believes that the technique the group used to test for HPV16 — which uses polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is one of the most accurate and cheap. But at present the PCR machines, which multiply the amounts of viral DNA in the smear so that it can be detected, are not widely

Dr Anderson, a reader in gynaecological pathology at Nottingham University, and



Offering hope: Jack Cuzick, a co-author of the study

'Anything that reassurance to these women will be beneficial'

one of the co-authors of the report, feels that it would be a waste of money to install the equipment on a large scale now. "We have known for some time that women with mild diagnoses can actually have severe abnormalities. All this paper is suggesting is that those with high levels of HPV16 could be treated a few months earlier," he says.

He feels it would be wrong to alter medical practise on one diagnosis. "We need more corroboration of results on a larger scale. We don't yet know how much effect the virus has on cervical cancer ... A lot more research needs to be done," he says.

Margaret Stanley, a lecturer in pathology at Cambridge University, who is leading a

team into developing a vaccine against cervical cancer, says: This is a useful and neat piece of research for academics but not that new. It has been known for a long time that HPV16 has a link with cervical cancer. The problem is that testing for it is very tricky and can cause false alarms." The Marie Stopes Well Woman Clinic in London was

the first clinic to offer cerviography, the taking of photographs of the cervix, and provides an intensive check-up system. The clinic always asks women with mild abnormalities to come back and usually proceeds with a colposcopy. Jane Macpherson, a senior press officer, is following the HPV16 research findings. Even mild abnormalities cause terrible anxiety so anything that gives reassurance to these women will be benefi-

cial," she says. However, she is more con-cerned about those who never have a test. "Any woman who is sexually active has a chance of getting cervical cancer. More people are getting tested but it is those who still haven't had a smear test who are at high risk," she says.

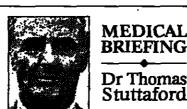
ALICE THOMSON

# Peaceful antidote to a poison

THE same time as it was announced that Alexander Solzhenitsyn's family have packed their bags preparatory to a visit to Russia next month to see if the author's home country is now ready to receive him. one of his fellow countrymen, former KGB agent Lieutenant Colonel Boris Ivanov, has described how one of his colleagues tried to murder Mr

Lt Col Ivanov says his colleague used ricin, the poison derived from the castor plant, Ricinus communis, which was so effective in the murder of Georgi Markov, a Bulgarian dissident, when delivered in an umbrella tip in London. The castor plant has a long history in medicine; castor beans have been found in Egyptian sarcophagi more than 4,000 years old. and the use of castor oil was mentioned by Herodotus and Hippocrates, so that by the Victorian era it was firmly established as the country's favourite laxative.

Even 20 years ago it was common for a woman who had failed to go into labour on time to be prescribed castor oil and orange "just see if some castor oil will stir



BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

things up, sister". If it worked the luckless woman could be assured that diarrhoea would be added to the other discomforts of delivery; castor oil is hydrolised in the small intestine to give ricinoleic acid, which not only stimulates the smooth muscle of the intestines, but also the

uterine muscle. With the cold war behind us, swords have been beaten in ploughshares and the poisonous qualities of some of the constituents of the castor plant bean are back in the news with a peacetime use. Scientists led by Professor Phillip Thorpe, formerly with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, have conducted trials at the Royal Free Hospital and the Royal Marsden in London and the treatment of B cell lymphomas with ricin delivered to the precise tumour site with the help of monoclonal antibodies. The poison can then act directly on the turnour without serious side effects. All the patients treated in this initial

trial had terminal disease, stage three or four lymphomas which had slipped out of control despite standard therapy. After treatment with ricin, half of those treated had marked turnour regression and went into remission for between one and four months. The results were so encouraging

that further trials are taking place.
Fortunately the KGB's knowledge of pharmacology was not as deep as Professor Thorpe's. When they left the unsuspecting Mr Solzhenisyn they were apparently, confident that within a few hours the author would be dead. But the wrong dose had been used and Mr Solzhenitsyn suffered from no more than a blistered skin, local swelling and a feeling that he had suffered from a severe allergic reaction.

#### The weight of evidence

THE impression that Benny Hill and Frankie Howerd both looked unnaturally old for their age was partly ex-plained by the revelation that Frankie Howerd (at 75) was several years older than he had cared to admit. However there are sound medical reasons for the almost invariable inclusion on a patient's notes of a space to record whether a

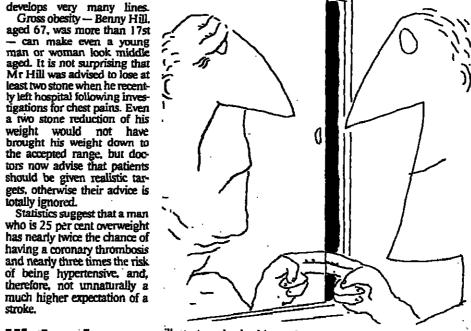
patient looks his or her age. Research a few years ago suggested that a patient's appearance was the single most important medical observation when assessing long term prognosis: presumably because so many of the risk factors for coronary arterial and other diseases also tend to age a person. Smoking ages the face so the complexion coarsens and develops a greyish tinge, the skin be-

gets, otherwise their advice is totally ignored. Statistics suggest that a man who is 25 per cent overweight has nearly twice the chance of having a coronary thrombosis and nearly three times the risk of being hypertensive, and, therefore, not unnaturally a much higher expectation of a comes wrinkled and the face

# **High price** for health

SO few people have ever had experience of Gaucher's disease, that it is unlikely that it would ever be the subject of a very animated discussion in the bar or at the dinner table. There are only 15,000 cases in Europe, although Ashkenazi Jews have an incidence of one in 2,500 births.

The recent discovery of a drug. Ceredase, which is the basis of a successful treatment for the hitherto often fatal and invariably painful disease, is a great medical advance but



illustrates why health service costs will continue to rise. Treatment with Ceredase costs up to El 15,000 for the first six months, and thereafter up to £35,000 per year, presumably for life, enough to pay for three boys at Eton and still leave

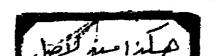
change. All types of the disease are due to a lack of an enzyme glucocerebroridase. responsible for breaking down a lipid glucocerebroside, a constituent of the red blood cell walls. Failure to break down the red cells effectively results in gross enlargement of the spleen and liver, enlarged to the point when the child is pot bellied. The condition is also associat-

ed with severe anaemia, platelet lack so that there are frequent haemorrhages, painfully deformed bones, pigmented skin and often mental retardation.

The magazine General Practitioner reports that 11 patients were given the treatment. Within two years all 11 had normal blood levels of glucocerebrosidase, and within 18 months the spleen of ten out of 11 had halved in size; ten were no longer anaemic and six had normal platelet counts. Thereafter the children previously nearly bedridden were able to take part in the normal rough and tumble of the playground.

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they are because television slows

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which the body uses up the energy in food, is complex and controver-

sial. Professor Michael Oliver, the

director of the Wynn Institute of

Metabolic Research, in London, is

dismissive of people who use slow

metabolism to explain being over-

weight. He points out that bone, fat, heart and liver have indepen-

dent functions with different meta-

bolic factors governing them, partly

depending on thyroid and adrena-line activity. "My conclusion is

there is no inborn metabolic influ-

ence in terms of response to food," he says. "The defence, I am bound

to put on weight', is just a way of

getting out of the fact that people

Although your "ticking over" or basal metabolic rate (BMR) -

using enough energy to maintain the basic functions of the body — is

generically determined, body com-

position, the muscle/fat ratio, also

plays an important part. More

muscle means a higher metabolic

rate because energy is needed to

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# Turn on, tune in, get fat?

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Age also has an effect (BMR falls as you get older) as do hormonal changes in women (BMR slows at the menopause) and environment can also make a difference: people living in a temperate climate require less energy to maintain body temperature than those living in a cold one, so metabolism slows. Children have a proportionately higher base rate than adults because they need more energy for growth.

According to Dr Susan Fair-weather-Tait, a nutritionist at the Institute of Food Research in Norwich, most overweight people fool themselves about their body's metabolic performance. "They walk to the office and think 'that's worth a Mars bar' when in fact the amount of energy they have used may be worth just a quarter of a Mars bar," she says. "The body operates on the basic law of thermodynamics energy in equals energy out. You don't change weight if the energy in the food you eat is equal to your energy requirements, and you would have to do quite a lot of extra physical activity to allow you to eat substantially

The internationally recognised way of accurately measuring the "ticking over" metabolic rate is to take a reading of exhaled carbon Source: The British Nutrition Founda

Television viewing might be linked to a slowing of metabolism but is an American theory that it is to blame for a generation of couch potatoes correct? **Heather Kirby** weighs the evidence

dioxide as soon as the subject wakes up in the morning, when the body is still at the same temperature as during sleep. This gives the base rate at which someone is burning up energy: on average an adult will use about 1.1 calorie every minute when at complete rest. Normally, even sitting watching television would require 1.2 calories per minute according to Anne Halliday, a nutritionist at the

British Nutrition Foundation. The American study conducted by Professor Robert Klesges of Memphis State University, Tennessee, involved 32 girls aged seven to eleven. He measured their meta-

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bolic rate when resting on a bed by placing a ventilated hood over each girl's head. The oxygen breathed in and the carbon dioxide breathed out was measured and once the base rate for each girl was established, a television series called The Wonder Years was switched on and their metabolic rates measured

girls' metabolic rates fell below the base rate. The rates of overweight girls fell more than those of the girls of average weight. Professor Klesges speculates that television may induce "a kind of

To the researcher's surprise, the

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slows down metabolism. He is now going to conduct experiments to discover if the same results will be repeated among adults and if more action orientated programmes have a different effect.

There is some scepticism among scientists about the Memphis find-ings, although, without seeing the psychologist's detailed experiment, experts here are reluctant to comment further. "The American study does not appear to agree with most other findings," Ms Hallidays says. "It could be the children taking part in it were more stressed lying

down and less stressed while they were watching television." 1,520 1,750 1.670 1,680 1,680 1,680 1,510 1,510 1,790 1,790 1,790 1,430

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At the Rowett Research Institute, a nutritional research centre in Aherdeen, volunteers are employed to further their work into metabolism, diet, exercise and body size (designed to help plan what we grow here and in the third world). Volunteers stay, sometimes for weeks, in oustorn-built sealed chambers of approximately 14.5 cubic metres. The amount of oxygen consumed and carbon dioxide produced is continuously monitored by analysers which translate

the flow into a person's metabolic The rooms, called whole body indirect calorie meter units, are furnished with a bed, table, chair, lavatory, wash basin, television, telephone, exercise bicycle and an excercise box, stepping up and down on a box being a simple but strenuous way of speeding up the metabolism.

Linda Davidson, a nutrition science student at the institute, says: "They have a strict activity protocol: meals at a certain time, six or eight exercise periods and periods when they are free to sit and read or they can bring in a word processor and work. We try to simulate a normal, sedentary day. The food should match their energy expenditure exactly so they should not gain weight and we don't allow them caffeine or alcohol because that may increase their energy expenditure." (Alcohol raises the metabolic rate because as it brings blood to the surface the body compensates for heat lost at its core by using energy. Caffeine stimulates heart

The institute also has six resident bedrooms where they do longerterm studies such as one involving a group of women, all aged under 40, who over a three-week period were given the same diet. All had different base metabolic rates because they were different sizes. and their starting weights varied. They all lost the same amount of weight. Mrs Davidson says, disproving the myth that slow metabolism means you have to eat next to nothing in order to lose weight They have, she adds, no shortage of people willing to undergo the experiments.

John Dumin, a professor of physiology at the medical faculty of Glasgow University, acknowledges that psychology often holds sway over proven scientific fact when it comes to what we believe about metabolism. "People have furny ideas about what goes on in their bodies. They believe fasting gets rid of toxins or drinking lots of water washes out the kidneys but this is absolute nonsense, there is no medical justification for these things," he says.

"If two people with different metabolic rates were running in a race it doesn't follow the one with the higher rate would win. The adrenalin drive to be the winner is likely to be more powerful than the metabolic urge, so performance is not necessarily related to

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VOLVO is producing a special edition of its 940 range, to be known as the Wentworth, to coincide with the Volvo PGA Championships at the Wentworth club next month. The £18,499 car will have a two-litre, turbo-charged engine, air-conditioning and electrically powered extras.

#### Model business



BUSINESS is booming for one British car manufacturer. Corgi sold 4 million toy cars last year and is now making its little cars even more like dad's with a new range that features working lights and a roaring engine noise. Models include a Porsche 911 Targa, which costs more than £50,000 in life size, but in Corgi size, £12.

#### Pre-sold MG

ROVER'S exclusive new MG sports car will be made at Cowley. just a few miles from the original Abingdon factory in Oxford, the home of the marque. The new car, to be called the MG RV8, will cost £24,000 and sources within Rover say that more than 1,000 orders

have already been logged.

The public will see the car for the first time at the British International Motor Show at National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, in October.

# Charge of the delivery brigade

Why, when buying a new car, do you have to fork out hundreds of pounds for delivery too? Vaughan Freeman reports

aving budgeted for the washing machine of your choice, you go to your high-street store. check the price, pick out your model and hand over your £300. At which point the salesman says: "Thank you but there is also the £15 delivery charge to cover the cost of shipping the washing machine to the shop and putting a name badge on it." At this point the same customer

would be likely to storm out. Yet every week thousands of car buyers find themselves in an identical position but pay out the extra without complaint.
The delivery charges among those manufacturers who fill the

top ten sales positions so far this year vary considerably: Ford charges £340, Vanxhall £360, Rover£380 and Peugeot£385. The charge is not included in the price of the vehicle and bears no relation to either its size or how far it has had to travel from the factory.

The money goes to the dealers to cover the fee they have had to pay to the supplying manufacturer for transporting the cars to the showroom. Yet a Vauxhall customer collecting his saloon from a showroom round the corner from the manufacturer's Luton factory will pay the same £360 delivery charge as a buyer whose car has travelled to the north of Scotland.

Toyota customers, though, will pay £330 delivery for a car that has travelled halfway around the world. This is because the cost of getting the car from Japan or the continent to the UK is agreed between the manufacturer and the importer. The additional £330 or so covers only the cost of moving the car on to the dealership from the docks.

Manufacturers sensitive to complaints that delivery charges are a hidden cost are adding extras to make the charge less burdensome. Most dealers will also throw in six months' road tax and a tank of

Geoff Dossetter of the Retail Motor Industry Federation says: "Delivery charges are split off from the asking price of the car for two reasons. One is to save the delivery charges being subject to the special car tax which was 10 per cent. That was reduced to 5 per cent in the last budget, but even so it is a saving worth having. Second, customers like to know what the car itself costs as well as details of any extras."

Why, though, are manufacturers' charges identical across the model range, regardless of the distance between factory and showroom? Mr Dossetter says: "The princi-ple is similar to buying a can of baked beans. Whichever supermarket you go to in the same chain, you pay the same price. Similarly motor





Which is cheaper to deliver? The Rolls-Royce Corniche, left, costs about £300 more for the customer; the Mazda 121, right, £395

manufacturers charge a basic delivery fee, otherwise customers living in Land's End would pay a small fortune or those next to the factory just a few pounds."

Mazda has just introduced a standard £395 charge which does not include licence plates or road fund licence. Before the fee was set in January, individual dealers

charged according to their needs. Mazda spokesman Tim Watson says: "Until we introduced the set charge, it had been up to individual dealers to put their own charge as they saw fit. We felt there was a need to unify such charges on all models. Plus we wanted customers to know the charge was the same

wherever they bought their cars

and not £200 at one dealership and £300 at another. Customers should be able to go into a dealership and know exactly what they are paying

The anomalies become apparent when the customer pays £395 to have his £8,000 Mazda 121 delivered, but is charged an average £300 for delivery of the £160,000 Rolls-Royce Corniche convertible. And the Corniche will come with a tank of petrol and a bouquet of

Mr Dossetter says: "Customers need to set themselves a target price to spend which is the price of their new car on the road. This should include delivery charges and anything else it takes to get driving.



The 3.5-litre Discovery: £21,000 buys superb four-wheel drive

# **Master of mud and metropolis**

MUDDIED but unbowed, Land-Rover's five-door Discovery took on the glutinous Welsh countryside and won. It seemed at one point as the wheels uselessly spun that the Black Mountains would win the contest. But boy scout cunning — armfuls of bracken stuffed under the wheels — and the Discovery's superb four-wheel drive did the trick. The vehicle leapt free.

Off-road prowess plus in-town street credibility show why Discovery sales last year rose 27 per cent while the car market overall fell 20 per cent. This explains Land-Rover's decision to introduce a diesel-powered five-door Discovery that creeps under the £19,250 tax break for company cars.
John Russell, Land-Rover's com-

mercial director, says: "Many types of business users need a dual-

Why Land-Rover's latest Discovery should worry the opposition

purpose vehicle. They want something that can tackle one in two muddy slopes but can also cruise happily on a motorway."
In town, motorists back off when

confronted by the high Discovery. The vehicle swallows luggage and awkward loads alike yet can seat seven. Power steering eases parkmg problems. On the motorway it is far less

prone to buffeting from cross winds than the Range Rover. Fuel economy is a worry, though, so one eye eds to be fixed permanently on

the falling fuel gauge.

The vehicle's size is both its strongest and weakest point. At 6ft

4in, I had two or three inches of headroom to spare, and passengers marveiled at being able to see over country hedges and looking down on other motorists. However, underground car parks need to be carefully reconnoitred to see whether they will accommodate its 6ft-plus height. And the rear door with mounted spare wheel is heavy and clothes are often marked when

clambering in and out.

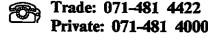
All that is compensated for by the excellent V8 engine and the thoughtful interior design. Door pockets and roof-mounted pouches hold most maps, cameras and other odds and ends, and the airy

cabin makes for relaxed motoring. Despite increasing competition from the likes of Toyota, the Discovery's off-road capabilities are unmatched, although the optional extra of the Discovery's towing bracket and rear step hampered ground dearance.

Discovery's sheer presence, though, is what is best remem-bered. For that alone it is probably worth the money.

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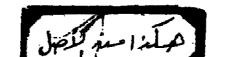
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Notice of John School 1992 and 11 30 am for the purposes mentioned in 54892 and 549 of that Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholity secured are not entitled to alread or to be represented at the meeting of the meeting and the contion, Sel 72L.

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Becket House I Lambeth Palace
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Any member wishing to altend or vote at the Meeting by way of proxy must produce the share warrant or a certificate from the bank recognized by the Board at Becket House. I Lambeth Palaco Boad, London, SEI 7EU, at least 7 days before the Meeting.

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Company Number: 1866282

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Paul Arrium Sadier
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RE, BRONZEHILL LISHTED and The Imode entry Act 1986. NOTICE IS HERERY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the imode entry Act 1986. that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Treviol House. 186 192 high Road. Blord, Essex. IGI 1/Q, on Tuesday the 5th May 1992 at 10 CO or tock in the fore noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99. 100 and 101 of the said 4ct.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors of the Company's Creditors will be an allastic for important the following the management of the company in the company of the compan

The Members Dale: 10 April 1992 R A Seeal Liquidator

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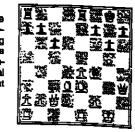
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12.20 Pebble Mill. Today's guests include sex therapist Dr Ruth Westheimer and pop group Curiosity Killed the Cat (8004163)

12.55 Regional News and weather (13018637)

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (77502)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (64685521) 1.50 Turnabout. Word game introduced by Rob Curling (64696637)

2.15 Film: All That Heaven Allows (1955) starring Rock Hudson and Jane Wyman. Romantic drama about a wealthy, lonely woman who upsets New England society by falling in love with a young gardener. Directed by Douglas Sirk (8742724) 3.40 Lifeline. Charity news (r) (2974163)

3.50 A Bear Behind (r) (2970347) 4.00 Pigsty (r) (9056892) 4.10 The New Lassie (r) (2310637) 4.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles. (Ceefax) (8641298) 4.55 Newsround (3651415)

5.05 The Torch. Episode one of a new six-part children's futuristic drama serial starring Judi Dench and Michael Williams with their daughter

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6.00 Six O'Glock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (845). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Coronation Street actress Barbara Knox and singer Kim Wilde (8569)



From Olympic medallist to MP: Sebastian Coe (7.30pm)

7.30 Tales of Gold. The first of a six-part series on Britain's sporting heroes and heroines beginning with Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett.

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8.00 Bruce's Guest Night. Bruce Forsyth welcomes comedian Jack Dee, pop group Shakespear's Sister, Big Break's Jim Davidson, Linzi Hateley from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and two television villains, Leslie Grantham and Larry Hagman. (Ceefax) (e) (2705) (s) (5705)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional no and weather (3618)

9.30 Film: Too Late the Hero (1970) starring Michael Caine and Cliff Robertson. Second world war drama about a South Pacific island raid to destroy a Japanese transmitter that is threatening the safety of American warships. Directed by Robert Aldrich (59374453) 11.40 Film: Kill (1972) starring James Mason and Jean Seberg. Thriller about an Interpol investigation into who is systematically killing off leading drug pushers. Directed by Romain Gary (427569)

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8.00 Breakfast News (6537521) 8.15 Travel Show UK Mini Guides. The south coast resort of Hastings (r) (9390163) 8.20 Moving Stories. The fifth of six programmes about moving house. Today a London businessman receives a surprise when he buys a Shetland cottage at an auction (r) (2844873)

BBC2

9.00 Film: Earl Carroll Vanities (1945, b/w) starring Dennis O'Keefe and Constance Moore. A beautiful middle-European princess becomes a New York night dub singer in order to raise money for her impoverished country. With Woody Herman and his Orchestra. Directed by Joseph Santley (48960)

10.30 Snooker. Second round action in the Embassy world professional championship, introduced by Eamonn Holmes (21780521) 1.20 Brum. Animated adventures of a small car housed in a motor museum (r) (24136182) 1.30 The Adventures of Spot (r) (21246786) 1.35 Look Stranger. A profile of Clerkenwell, London, silversmith Michael Murray (r) (26140219)

2.00 News and weather (30600892) followed by Weekend Outlook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (30609163) 2.10 World Snooker. Further second round coverage from the Crucible, Sheffield. Includes News, regional news and weather at 3.00 and **3.50** (25127255)

6.00 Thunderbirds. Puppet adventures created by Geny Anderson (r). (Ceefax) (849873) 6.50 Seeing is an Illusion. The troubled reality of René Magnitte's

paintings is brought to life by computer graphics in this film from Finland (609811) Finland (509811)

7.10 Horizon: Inside Chemobyl Sarcophagus. A documentary following the progress of a team of Russian scientists hunting the 135 tonnes of uranium and plutonium which melted in the Chemobyl Unit Four explosion six years ago (r). (Ceefax) (696163)

8.00 Nature: Close Encounters of the European Kind.

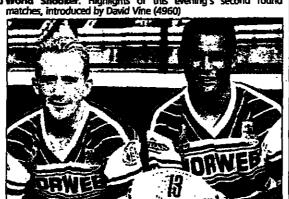
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years ago. Blackie is doing nicely, but every year since, a delegation of sincere campaigners and eager hacks have raced to Villanueva de la Vera to rescue subsequent beasts. So we do love animals. Pettifer does, however, find room for cynicism. A vet's judgment of "no physical injury" is contrasted with the British papers' hysterical summing up of the "cruel" fiesta next day, and the issue of whether the EC should legislate to protect animals is shown to be complex. Can we ask for intervention on behalf of donkeys while at the same time resenting any intervention on matters human? (Ceefax) (5231)

8.30 Gardeners' World. Liz Rigby continues her hunt for the lost Gertrude Jekyll garden in south London; and another visit to the

nursery of Brian and Heather Hiley (4366)

9.00 World Snooker. Highlights of this evening's second round matches, introduced by David Vine (4960)



Wigan rugby league: Shaun Edwards, Frano Botica (9.30pm)

9.30 Up and Under. The first in a six-part documentary series on the world of British rugby. Tonight's programme is about Wigan's two dubs, the league team that will be attempting to win their fifth Wembley cup final in a row and Orrell, the union side on the verge of winning the championship for the first. (Ceefax) (98219)

10.00 Have I Got News For You? A new series of the award-winning topical concey quizshow, hosted by Angus Deayton. Regular team captains Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by Tony Slattery and John Wells (s) (62231)

night with Sue Cameron (584057) 11.15 What the Papers Say. John Sweeney of The Observer examines the tabloid Press coverage of the general election (469182)
11.30 World Snooker. David Vine introduces the best of the action from this evening's second round matches (45347)

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6.00 TV-am (8643892) 9.25 Cross Wits. Crossword game show hosted by Tom O'Connor (4283618) 9.55 Thames News (2456778)

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10.55 Treasure Island in Outer Space. Final episode of a science fiction version of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic adventure story (2732144) 11.50 Thames News (4030279) 11.55 Cartoon (7528163) 12.10 Raimbow (7900960)

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(29390732) 2.20 Highway to Heaven. Michael Landon stars as Jonathan, ar apprentice angel on Earth to earn his wings and harp (4961989) 3.15 ITN News headines (6570304) 3.20 Thames News headlines

(9720827) 3.25 The Young Doctors (1830347) 3.55 The Gingerbread Man. A new animated series based on David Wood's musical play of the same name. (Oracle) (s) (3803322)



Off with his head: Ronald Pickup with Polly Grant (4.10pm)

CHOKCE: It's not easy living with a ghost, as Bess Throckmorton discovers in this entertaining two-parter for children about a farmer's daughter who invites the long-dead Sir Walter Raleigh into her home. For a start, he's always meddling with big brother's chemistry set, then there's the way he shows up unannounced. Polly Grant makes a more interesting child heroine than most, never sporting the same hairdo twice and given to making queenly soliloquies. As for the rest of the cast, the names speak for themselves; Ronald Pickup is Sir Walter, James Hazeldine and Louise Jameson play Polly's troubled parents and Prunella Scales is perfect as the irritating Aunt Ellie who believes anyone who could brift to haze of into the country deserves to have his head chooped off. CHOICE: It's not easy living with a ghost, as Bess Throckmorton tobacco into the country deserves to have his head chopped off. (6739142)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (8858908)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (218057)
5.55 Crime Monthly Preview (533144)
6.00 LWT News and weather (827095)

6.25 Regent's Paric The Jewel in the Crown. A portrait of one of London's best-known parks (802/86) 6.55 The Day (850618)
7.00 The Help Squad, Michael Parkinson and his team tackle viewers' problems (3637) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (347)

8.00 Surprise, Surprise. Cilla Black conjures up the unexpected for another collection of viewers and one astonished member of the studio audience. (Oracle) (s) (4683)
9.00 Heartbeat. Episode three of the ten-part drama following the fortunes of a village policeman and his doctor wife in a North Yorkshire moors village during 1964. Starring Nick Berry and Niamh Cuesch (4827)

Cusack (4827) 10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (66057) 10.30 LWT News and weather (579340) 10.40 Crime Monthly. Paul Ross introduces the programme that looks at

crime and detection in the London area (339434) 11.40 The Young Riders. Western adventures of Pony Express riders (633057) 12.35am Married ... with Children. American

domestic comedy (2455729)

1.05 The James Whale Radio Show. The acerbic chat show host deals disdainfully with another collection of intrepid phone-in callers 2.10 American Gladiators. Tests of strength and strategy (s) (8867309)

3.10 CinemAttractions, Movie news from the United States (31440106) 3.40 Raw Power. Rock videos (9597496) 4.35 The American Match. +lighlights of the London Monarchs' first away game against the Barcelona Dragons (4676632)
5.30 ITN Morning News (12187). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily (8641434) 9.25 The Mursters (b/w). Vintage comedy from the ghoulish American family (4274960) 9.55 Road to Avonlea. Children's drama seculis (5377453) 10.50 Joe McDoakes (bAw) Slapsticl comedy (3219182)

11.00 Gamesmaster. Video games (r) (9892) 11.30 Get Smart. Spoof spy series starring Don Adams (3331).

12.00 Noah's Ark. A look at a glacier in southern Chile that is dorded to, an island (r). (Teletext) (96298)
12.30 Business Daily (98291) 1.00 Sesame Street (48796)

2.00 i Love Lucy (b/w). Classic domestic comedy series starring Lucibe

2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races (29616)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One, Fast-moving general knowledge quiz presented by William G. Stewart (s) (960) 5.00 First Contact. A documentary about 1930s Australian gold prospectors in Papua New Guinea who came into contact with tripal

groups that had never before seen white men (r) (3250) Biossom. A new American sitcom about a 14-year-old girl irring in an otherwise all-male Los Angeles household. Starring Mayim Bialik (s) (453) 6.30 Happy Days. Nostalgic high school comedy series set in 1950s Milwaukee. (Teletext) (705)

7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (692347)

7.50 First Reaction (818927) 8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside (2417) 8.30 Short Stories: Autumn on Pastor's Hill.

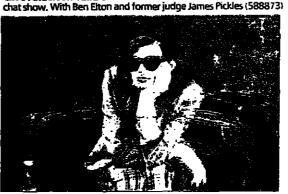
 CHOICE: This is another assured work in Channel 4's season of documentaries by directors new to television. Film-maker Sarah Tibbetts has focused on a familiar character, the dour, independent farmer, only this time the rough diamond in question is a woman, Barbara Carpenter. A respected figure in the sheepdog world, who has managed her 80-acre farm on her own since her husband died 14 years ago, the 70-year-old is not about to take much notice of her sister's concerned tut-tuttings or even of her own pain as she heaves gates about despite an arthritic hip. Reason has begun to prevail, but as we watch her selling off the bulk of her prize ewes and sharing the heavier work with her new tenants on the farm, she appears to be not so much surrendering as stoically adapting to circumstances (9434)

9.00 Cheers. Another visit to the popular Boston watering hole (r).

(Teletext) (6328)

9.30 Flowering Passions. Last of the series. Anna Pavord meets John Hubbard, a painter and gardener, and Christopher Lloyd, a gardening writer (95057)

10.00 Roseanne. Blue-collar comedy. (Teletext) (s) (97927)
10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. The first of a new series of the comic



A tour of American popular culture: Laurie Pike (11.10pm)

ide in the USA: Dallas.

 CHOICE: There is plenty of energy here but don't expect every moment to be riveting in Laurie Pike's follow-up to Manhattan Cable. The muddly format intersperses snippets from American television across the country with filmed on-location reports from particular cities. Tonight's jumble includes a look at the sinister teleparticular crites. Ionigm's jumple includes a look at the sinister teleevangelist Robert Titton, a crazy, wince-making scene in which Ms
Pike tries to be a cheer-leader, and an equally excrutiating few
seconds in which she leaps on the JFK Assassination Tour Bus in
Dellas. I am haunted by a relatively minor item in the programme, an
upsetting dip from a television show in which two talking eggs are
boiled alive while we watch (906415)
Film: Parents (1988) starring Randy Quaid and Mary Beth Hurt. A
statical black crossly to open a second of borger films. In 1985

satirical black comedy to open a season of horror films. In 1958 Indiana, a schoolboy sent to a psychiatrist discovers the macabre secret of his outwardly perfect parents. Directed by Bob Balaban (991811). Ends at 1.25am

SATELLITE

1.20 Weather (4400903)

SKY ONE 6.00am The DI Kat Show (76977453) 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot (3366786) 8.55 Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5254873) 9.30 The New Leave it to Beaver (68927) 10.00 Maude (81231) 10.30 The Young Doctors (29540) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (31724) 12.00 Barnaby Jones (41250) 1.00pm E Street (35540) 1.30 Another World (8555453) 2.20 Gassato) 1.30 Another World (8555453) 2.20 Santa Barbara (S4251811) 2.45 The Bold and the Beautiful (832540) 3.15 The Brady Bunch (839453) 3.45 The DI Kat Show (2743182) 5.00 Different Strokes (8347) 5.30 Bewitched (1908) 6.00 Facts of Life (1521) 6.30 E Street (2873) 7.00 Love at First Sight (1811) 7.30 Parker Lewis Carr't Lose (8057) 8.00 Rags to Riches (52499) 9.00 Hunter (88705) 10.00 Fixed (1908) Superstans of Wiesting (81892) 11.00 Freddy's Nightmare: Photofinish. Starring Robert England (78786) 1.00mm Pages from Skytest

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Sunrise (4291366) 9.30 Nightline (66569) 10.00 Dayline (89873) 10.30 Memories 1970-1991 (27182) 11.00 Dayline (49328) 11.30 Lapan Business Todayless (49057) 12.30 Japan Good Morning America (37057) 1.30 Good Morning America (64453) 2.30 Travel Destinations (70705) 3.30 The Countryside Show (91095) 4.30 Memories 1970-1991 (8298) 5.00 Live at Five (23163) 6.30 Newsline (20873) 8.30 Newsline (74647) 11.30 ABC News (91637) 12.30am Newsline (68019) 1.30 ABC News (97835) 2.30 Those Were The Days (95038) 3.30 ABC News (91583) 4.30 Financial Times Rusiness Week (18816) 5.30 Newsline

SKY MOVIES+ Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellitus.
 6.00am Showcase (8353724)

(72144)
4.00 None But the Brave (1965): Second SKY SPORTS world war drama (2786) 6.08 Patal Judgment (as 10am) (97057415) 7.40 Entertalmment Topiont (266415)

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Coll Entertainment Tonight (266415)
B.00 Nuns on the Run (1990): Cornedy staring Eric tide and Robbie Coltrare as bank robors (8756279)
9.40 US Top Ten (390927)
10.00 Robocop (1987): Policeman Peter Weller is transformed into a oborg (850453)
11.45 The Examist III (1990): George C. Scott investigates a series of sacrilegious munders (874328)
1.35am Istanbul (1989): A journalist's daughter is infrapped (6950274)
3.00 Deadly Addiction (1988): A policeman averages the munder of his wife (497922)
4.35 Once Bittem (1985): Spoof of vampire films (1284651). Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

Was the Astra and Marcopolo sa tes of Dark Water, Swashbuckling

cartoon (796989)
10.15 The Mark of Zomo (1940, b/w):
Tyrone Power plays the masked bandit
(709453)
12.15pcm The Postman Always Rings
Twice (1946, b/w): Lana Tumer plots to
murder her husband (240845)
2.15 A Breath of Scandal (1960): American
diplomat John Gaoin woos Austrian princes
Sophia Loren (740601)
4.15 Firmtes of Dark Waster (as 8.15am)
(960637)

4.15 Printes of Dark Water (s. 8.15am) (960637)
6.15 All Dogs Go to Harven (1989); Arimated musical (94087); Arimated musical (94087); Betze Midler plays a single mother (40726569)
10.10 Snow KBI (1990); Businessmen fight for their lives in the wilderness (189141) 11.45 Wild at Heart (1990); Officest drama starring Micolas Cage (67079434)
1.55am House is Wilhern the Hart is (1987); Comedy about a woman who sets out to matry a 100-year-old billionaire (619651) 3.50 in Cold Blood (1967); Biopic of two drifters who, in 1959, committed murder drifters who, in 1959, committed murder during a burglary (28814632). Ends at 6.00

THE COMEDY CHANNEL Via the Astra satellita.
 4.00pm Mr Ed (7778) 4.30 Punky Brewster (9502) 5.00 The New Leave It to Beaver

10.00 Fetal Judgment (1988): Tom Conti defends a nurse accused of murder (16927) 12.00 Diamond Head (1962): Charlon Heston plays the tyrannical head of a Hawaikan business family (96163) 2.00 per Under (1987): Drama about the 9.30 Mr Behedere (49705) 10.00 in Living Color (28724) 10.30 McHale's Navy (79124)

© Vie the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.38am Aerobics (32989) 7.00 Red Line (57144) 8.00 European League Round-Up (58273) 9.00 WBF Body Stars (22732) 10.00 Australian Rules Football (14095) 12.00 Aerobics (63873) 12.30pm Monte Carlo Open Yemis (5728837) 8.00 Torque (13366) 7.00 Soccer Weekend (15873) 8.00 German Football (35637) 10.00 Soccer Weekend (14144) 11.00 Australian Rugby League (25618) 1.00ems German Football (35212) EUROSPORT -

 Via the Astra satellita.
 8.00am Tennis (31250) 18.00 Table Tennis (93228) 13.00 Table Tennis (93328) 13.00 Football Germany v Czechosloskia (11124) 1.00pm Tennis (105778) 4.00 Trans World Sport (81328) 5.00 Tennis (2217322) 8.30 Eurosport News (1076) 9.00 (\$217322) 8.30 Eurosport News (1076) 9.00 Boxing (11569) 10.30 Karting (65811) 11.30 Eurosport News (30521) SCREENSPORT

 Via the Astra satellite.
 7.00am Eurobics (93521) 7.30 Speedway (64852) 8.30 League of US Football (11142) 10.30 Eurobics (70163) 11.00 NH, ice Hockey (54569) 1.00pm Wassteiner Ski Magazine (68892) 1.30 Ress (59560) 2.00 Eurobics (5279) 2.30 Matchroom Pro Box (98786) 4.30 Argentine Soccer 1991/92 (58521) 5.30 Danoing (53540) 6.30 NBA Action 1992 (7989) 7.00 Gillette World Sports Special (9095) 7.00 Gillette World Sports Special (9095) 7.00 Gillette World Sports Special (9095) 7.00 Gillette 9.30 NBA (14163) 8.30 Pro Kick (26705) 9.30 NBA (14163) 8.30 Pro Kick (14163) 9.30 Pro Kick (14163) Via the Astra satellite
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RADIO 5

Strachan with Take five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnny Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30 pm House of Stars 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (1) 1.30 BF85 Workputs 6.5 mon and the Squad 2.30 World Service: Global Concerns; 2.45 International Money Programme 3.00 Racing from Sandown, with Peter Bromley, Featuring the Forte Mile and a preview of koncorrow's Whithered Gold Cup and Classic Traits 4.05 Network UK 4.35 Fise Aside 7.15 Zesty: A Story with a Tal 7.30 Stage 5: Damen Day horst a nationwide search for talent in schools 8.00 Multitrack 1 8.30 Vice-lure: 0345 905693 9.30 Bulli 10.10 Rave, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

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All times in BST. 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Yared and Weather News 4.45 Report 4.40 Yared and Weather News 4.45 News and Press Review in German 5.00 Morgenmagazin 5.20 Tips für Touristen 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Tocky 5.59 Weather 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 World News 7.09 News 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music Review 10.00 World News 7.09 News 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music Review 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report Live 10.15 Global Concerns 10.00 Seven Seas 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Foots on Faith 11.30 Londres Mick 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Business Update Noon NewsBust 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 First Annong Equals 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 4.05 Outlook 10.4 3.00 Off the Shelf: Lord of the Fire 3.45 Global Concerns 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Look Ahead 6.20 World Business Report 6.29 News 6.30 Heure Aktuel 5.00 World News 3.05 Outlook 8.30 Fire World Today 9.25 World Business Report 6.29 News 6.30 Heure Aktuel 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 Outlook 8.00 Europe Tonight 9.00 News 9.05 The World Today 9.25 World of Faith 9.30 Science in Action 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 People and Politics 11.45 Sports Roundup Midnight World News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Worldbader 12.30 Multitrack 3 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From the Weetless 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 News 2.05 Dutlook 2.30 Short Story: This Boy 2.45 Jazz Now and Then 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 News 4.09 Worlds of Faith 4.15 Sports Roundup

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As London except: 1.50pm-3.15 Film: Men of Sherwood Rorest: (7358296) 6.00 Lookaround Friday (811) 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road (163) 98.40 The Union and the League (588182) 11.10 The Business Game (108434) 11.40 The Equalizer (633057) 12.35-1.05 Dwis: Good Roddin' Tonight (2455729) 2.05 Jake and the Fatman (8075729) 3.00 Cinem Attractions (8075729) 3.00 CinemAttractions (78205859) 3.25 Night Beat (2527748) 4.25-5.30 Film: Counterpy (3978372)

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As London except: 2.20-2.15 Donahue (4961989) 5.10-5.40 Dinosaurs (8989909) 6.00 Home and Away (811) 6.30-7.00 Granada News (163) 10.40 What's New (339434) 11.40 The Law and Harry McGraw (339434) 11.40 The Law and Harry McGraw (633057) 12.35-1.05 Evis: Good Roddin' Tordgit (2455729) 2.05 Lake and the Fatman (8860496) 3.00 ChemAttractions (78205859) 3.25 Raw Power (2527748) 4.25-5.30 Film: Counterspy (3978372)

HTV WEST As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors (29990732) 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice (1830347) 6.00 HTV News (811) 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek (163) 10.40 It's Nearly Saturday (399434) 11.40-1.05 McCloud: The Disposal Man (954415)

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.08pm Wales at Sk 6.30-7.09 Stopwarth 10.40-11.40 Tall Ships

As London except: 2.20pm The Sulivans (Se608521) 2.50-3.15 The Young Doctors (8881453) 3.23-3.55 Home and Away (1831076) 5.19-5.40 Movies, Movies, Movies, (8858908) 6.09 TSW Today (811) 6.36-7.00 Genders For All (163) 10.40 Fibr. A Lovely Way to Go (68243434) 12.35-1.05 Victorian — the Ten Thousand Day Way (2458720) 2.55 TSW Vietnam — the Ten Thousand Day War (2455729) 2.05 take and the Fatman

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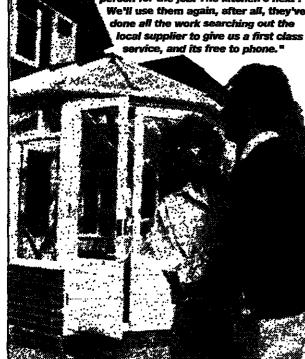
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YORKSHIRE

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RADIO 1. FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes
(FM only): The Early Breaklast Show 6.00
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Smon Mayo 9.00 Smon Bates 12.30pas Mega Hits 6.30 News '92 7.00 Norwich Sound City '92: Dance night at the Waterfront with music from The Shamen, N-Joi, Orbital and Bastl 10.00 Friday Rock Show 11.00 John Peel 2.00-4.00mm Lynn Parsons (FM only)

6.55am Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Humperdinck (Prelude and Dream Partomine, Hansel and Gretel); Fucik (Donausagen, Concert Waltz) 7.30 Mews

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
8 ruch (Kol Nidrel, Op 47); Bach (Concerto in C minor for oboe, violin and continuo, BWV

violin and comtinuo, BWV
1060); Walton (Symphony No
2) 8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Albeniz and Granados.
Granados (Blamor y la muerte;
Epilogo; El Pelele, Goyescas);
Albeniz, transc. Bream
(Mallorca, Op 202); Albeniz,
arr Halffter (Rapsocia
Española)

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9.35 Spanish Sequence: Sebastian Aguitera De Heredia (Ensalada); Boccherini (String Quintet in B flat, Op 39 No 1); Scarlatti (Sonata in A minor, K 175); Victoria (Super Flumina Babylonis); Rodrigo (Macrigales Amatonios — extracis); Sarasate (Concert Fantasy on Carmen); Ravel fantasy on Carmen): Ravel (Don Ouichotte à Dulcinée Francisco Correa De Arrauxo (Batalla de Morales): Morales (O Crux, Ave, spes unica); falla (Harpsichord Concerto). interpersed with pieces by Puloi, Albéniz, Guido Santorsola and Pierre Petit 11.30 Bournemouth Sinfonietta

under Howard Shelley, piano, performs Mozart (Symphony No 1 in E flat, K 16; Piano Concerto No 17 in G. K 453: Concerto No 17 in G, K 453; Concert rondo in A, K 386; Symphony No 41 in C, K551, Jupiter) (r) 1.00pm News 1.05 Nobuldo Imai, viola, and Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Schumann (Märchenbilder, Op 113); Schubert (Sonata in A minor I Schubert (Sonata in A minor, D 821, Arpeggione); Hindemith (Sonata for solo viola); Franck

(Sonata in A)
Mining the Archive: Kodály
conducts Kódaly, In a 1960 230 Concert the London Symphony Orchestra performs Ballet Music, Two Songs, Op 5; Kadar Kata; Variations on a Hungarian Folk Song, The 4.00 Music's Gentle Pleasure: Telemann (Cantata, Weiche lust und frölichkeit; Concerto

for flute, recorder and strings;

RADIO 3 Concerto in A for flute, violin and strings, Tafelmusik: Bach Ensemble under Riftdn) (r) 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure from Cardiff

6.30 The Gypsy Genius

CHOICE: As a con O CHOKE: As a conversationstopper, you would be hard
put to beat the electrifying
moments in part one of Max
Harrison's life of the jazz
guitarist Django Reinhardt
when, unaccompanied, he
plays improvisation, it is as if
Bach had magically been
projected into the 1920s jazz
scene and told to try to
encapsulate its rhythms and
colours. There is nothing
tonight to compare with it—
not even Reinhardt's
partnering of Stephane
Grappelli, Coleman Hawkins
and André Elsyan 7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear in Barnoslonas.
Robert Hewison chairs a

Robert Hewison chairs a discussion on Catalan cultural nationalism
7.30 BBC Welsh Symphony
Orchestra under Mark
Wigglesworth performs
Mozart (Overture, The

Mozart (Overture, The Marriage of Figaro); Haydn (Symphory No 99 in E flat). 8.00 Where Have all the Saliors Gone? Writer Alun Richards recalls a past way of life in British ports (r). 8.20 Brahms (Violan Concerto in D. Op 77: Raphael Oleg); Bartiok (Suite; The Miraculous Mandarin)

9.30 Barcelobrat The sounds of Barcelobra, recorded by Milke Davies

10.00 Music from the Labyrinth: Lully (Pièces de Symphonie,

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Lully (Pièces de Symphonie,
Thésée: ECO under Leppard)
10.15 Castalian Band; Loma
- Anderson, soprano, Richard
Gwilt, violin, Irrogen SethSmith, cello, Lucy Arolan,
harpsichord, perform Senailé
Afoir Son et a la misiale (Violin Sonata in D minor); Couperin (Passacaille in B minor); Montéclair (Pan et

Christopher Stembridge plays crustopher semonoge plays a reconstruction of a chromatic harpsichord, with 19 notes to the octave. The music was composed by Gesualdo, Trabaci and Mayone (r) 11.30 News

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Wealc Luily (r) COMPILED BY PETER DEAR AND GILLIAN MAXEY TV CHOICE STEPHANIE BILLENRADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE

(s) Stereo on PM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, ind 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the

Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.43 The Last of England: The poet Ted Walker reads the final part of an only), with Chris Serie
7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan
Dimbleby chairs a discussion
from Bath between Lord
Jenkins of Hillhead; Judith
Chaplin, MP, former political
adviser to John Major, writer
and broadcaster Jonathon
Porritt; and Joan Lester, MP
8.50 Stop Press, presented by John
Diamond autobiographical love story 8.58 Weather

1965
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only):
Matthew. Read by Derek
Jacobi (3 of 10)
10.30 Woman's Hour from Bristol
looks at animal rights and
animal welfare. Incl 11.00

Howard 12.25pm The Food Programme 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nkk

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Carmen. First of a two-part adaptation by Stephen Jeffreys, from the story by Prosper Mérimée (r)
3.00 Special Assignment:
3.30 Bookshelf; Nigel Forde discusses The Gorne/Yeats Letters, and explores the last year's of Evelyn Waugh (s)
4.00 News
4.05 News
4.05 Medieval Art; listens to Gothic Voices sing the romantic songs of the Middle Ages; and watches Hugh Leonard's play, Moving, at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin (s)
4.45 Short Story: Just Like Storie's Hotel, by Kit Wright. Read by Stephen Thome (r)

(3678873) 6.00 Calendar (811) 6.30-7.00 Seeing Stars (163) 10.40 Film: Plunge Into Darkness (Olava Harment, Bruce Barry, Ashley Grennile) (8361637) 12.05-1.05 War of the Worlds (7959748) 2.05 Rhydran and Raag (8075729) 2.35 Zara Dhyan Dein (5159187) 2.40 Film: Tan-Badan (56579125) 5.05-5.30 The Argonauts (2535854)

SAC Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily (8641434) 9.25 The Munsters\* (4274960) 9.55 Road to Avonlea (5377453) 10.50 Joe McDoakes (3219182) 11.00 Gamtesnater (9892) 11.30 Get Smart (3331) 12.00 Noah's Ark (96298) 12.30 Newyddion (54289705) 12.40 Slot Merthrint (64209565) 12.55 Fifteen to One (8190182) 1.25 Business Daily (64752291) 1.55 Sign On (22540255) 2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown (600328) 4.25 Slot 23 (351089) 5.00 My Two Dads (1415) 5.30 Brookside 5.00 My Two Dads (1415) 5.30 Brookside (540) 6.00 Newyddion (270163) 6.10 Heno (863453) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (1279) 7.30 Y Vesses-33 False (1989) 8.00 Natur Will (2417) Maes Chwerne (1989) 8.00 Natur Will (2417) 8.30 Newyddion (312453) 8.55 Pelydr X (315540) 9.25 Srwcor (342368) 10.06 Roseanne (79727) 10.30 Cilw Anderson Talks Back (588873) 11.10 Made in the USA (906415) 11.55 Film: Parents (991811) 1.25 Diwedd

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin presents the transport

7.05 The Archers 7.20-8.05 Pick of the Week (FM

only), with Chris Serie

Kaleidoscope: A Radio Hamlet

CHOICE: This appetite-whetter for Sunday night's Radio 3 production of the uncut Hamlet achieves its purpose well enough, despite Kenneth Branagh's declared hope — not fulfilled — that it should not sound like a mutual admiration society. Much of

admiration society. Much of the awe is directed towards John Gielgud's Ghost which, from the brief extract we hear, sounds less hellish than we are

told was the intention. Glyn Dearman, the play's co-director, says they wanted to make this Hamlet sound

dangerous. It was Branagh's Hamlet sliced his thumb duelling with James Wilby's Laertes at the microphone (r)

Father's Court, by Isaac Bashevis Singer. Abridged and read by Neville Jason (final

Alistair Cooke 9.59 We 10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: in My

part) 11.00 Week Ending: A satincal look

Diamond 9.15 Kaleidoso

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8.58 Weather
9.00 Hews
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue
Lawley's castaway is the
philosopher Sir Islain Berlin (r)
9.45 The Village: Stories from
Berdley in Hampshire
10.00-10.30am Newes; Carry On Up
the Zeitgeist (FM only):
Mirror Mirror on the Wall.
Edward Blishen erails the year

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11.30 The Natural History Programme, presented by Jessica Holm 12.00 You and Yours, with John

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping

at the week's news with Bill Wallis, Sally Grace, David Tate and Allsteir McGowan 11.25 The Financial Week, with

Heather Payton

11.45 Cutter the Lact Nor Cutter delves into the archives (r)

12.00-12.43am News, ind 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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